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Ukiah's Melissa Chaty reaches final 8 MISS AMERICA PAGEANT



Photos by Dirk Wunderlich for the Daily Journal

Miss California Melissa Chaty sings 'The Jewel Song' from 'Faust' in the talent competition for the Miss America Pageant. She wore an ivory jewel-encrusted bouffant gown.

Miss Michigan crowned Miss America 2008

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Miss Michigan Kirsten Haglund, a 19-year-old aspiring Broadway star, was crowned Miss America 2008 on Saturday in a live show billed as the unveiling of the 87-year-old pageant's new, hipper look.

Haglund, of Farmington Hills, Mich., sang "Over the Rainbow" and walked a crowd-pleasing strut in a black and gold bikini to clinch the title. She beat Miss Indiana Nicole Elizabeth Rash, the first runner up, and Miss Washington Elyse Umemoto, the second runner up for a \$50,000 scholarship and year of travel that comes with the crown.

Among the other top 10 finalists: Miss Iowa Diana Reed, a fire juggling baton twirler and entrepreneur; and Miss California Melissa

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The final eight contestants for Miss America, including Melissa Chaty, (fourth from right) line the stage at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas.



The Miss America Pageant was at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Competing for Miss America: the week

Editor's note: Dirk Wunderlich has been in Las Vegas covering Melissa Chaty's activities at the Miss America Pageant for The Daily Journal. Following is his report on the more than weeklong event.

By DIRK WUNDERLICH
for The Daily Journal

It's Friday in Las Vegas. The day before a new Miss America is crowned. Three nights and one day of preliminary competition are history. Now there is only the waiting and the last-minute rehearsals before the big night. Vegas put on its own unintentional show this morning with a top floor fire at the Monte Carlo Hotel, just a few blocks from Planet Hollywood, Miss America's host.

Asked why she wants to be Miss America, Miss California Melissa Chaty answered, "The six years of my life spent getting here are dedicated in honor and memory of my grandfather."

"Every day when I work with the Alzheimer's Association in San Diego I'm potentially impacting some of the 90,000 with Alzheimer's. At least three

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Storm lull won't last long

New system expected
to bring several days of rain

The Daily Journal

Ukiahans got a brief respite Saturday from the storms that lashed the county all week, but another system was expected to move into the county Saturday night, bringing more rain.

According to reports from the National Weather Service, an area of low pressure off the Mendocino Coast was expected to send rain east across the county Saturday evening.

The rain is expected to continue into Monday when cold temperatures are predicted to drop the snow level to 1,500 feet. Rain is expected until at least Wednesday.

Heavy rainfall overnight Friday contributed to several slides that briefly covered parts of Highway 253 and Highway 128.

According to the NWS, more than three inches of rain fell in the county Friday night. On Saturday morning, the NWS issued a flood alert for the Navarro River.

As of 7:15 a.m. Saturday, the river was at 17.3 feet, according to the NWS. Flood stage is 23 feet.

The NWS was expecting minor flooding on Highway 128 at Navarro, about five miles from the intersection with Highway 1.

The road was expected to be closed and drivers were encouraged to find alternate routes and not attempt to drive through the floodwaters. Most vehicles will float if submerged in only two feet of water, according to the NWS.

To check road conditions, call CalTrans at 1-800-427-7623.

No time to vote? Try a work break

State law allows workers paid
time off from work; employer
must be notified well in advance

The Daily Journal

The California Elections Code allows workers up to two hours off, without a loss of pay, to vote if they do not have enough time to do so in their non-work hours, according to a statement released Friday by Secretary of State Debra Bowen.

The next statewide election is the Feb. 5 Presidential Primary, also known as "Tsunami Tuesday." A total of 24 states will hold primaries or caucuses on this date, with 52 percent of all pledged Democratic Party delegates and 41 percent of the total Republican Party delegates at stake.

Polling places will be open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The law also requires workers to give their employers two working days' notice before the election if they will need to take time off to vote.

Employees are eligible for paid time off for the purpose of voting only if they do not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote. The intent of the law is to provide an opportunity to vote to workers who otherwise would not be able to do so because of their jobs. Employees can be given as much time as they need in order to vote, but only a maximum of two hours is paid.

Section 14001 of the code requires employers to post a notice to employees advising them of provisions for taking paid leave for the purpose of voting in statewide elections. Copies of the notices can be obtained by calling the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (916) 657-2166. These notices are also available as PDF downloads, and can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_tov.htm.

The employee notice must be posted either in the workplace or where it can be seen by employees as they enter or exit their place of work.

Medusa’s Muse

When I think about a do-it-yourselfer, I imagine a middle-aged guy out in the garage on a Saturday, armed to the teeth with sharp tools and serenaded by a screeching saw, hard at work constructing something. Well, I am way out-of-date and that old-fashioned fellow has been replaced by younger, hipper folk who have gone “DIY.”

These are active, creative individuals whose “do-it-yourself” mantra often is mobilized by digital technology, the advances that have allowed musicians to record their own compact discs and enabled writers to produce their own ‘zines. One such individual is Ukiahan Terena Scott, who founded her own publishing company, Medusa’s Muse, which released its first book last fall.

“I like the music and the energy of the punk movement,” says Scott. “My life has been positively affected by its DIY message.”

What started out as research on self-publishing has evolved into a business. Working with her husband, Rick Wismar, as designer, friend Jane Mackay as copy editor, Scott seems to do everything else. She’s the project developer, publicist, editor, author liaison, book production manager, distributor, etc. The job sounds overwhelming but it works for two

reasons. Scott is a book lover from the get-go and likes to run things.

“I was one of those kids who always had her nose in a book, even at recess. I had no friends,” Scott explains. “Also, I love new challenges and I’m a control freak.”

Her experience as a theatrical stage manager “running the show” serves her well in her new role as publisher. She had a deadline to meet with her first book, split decisions to make about its visual presentation and ongoing exchanges with her author, designer and editing partner to create a finished product.

The mission of Medusa’s Muse is to publish tales of transformation.

“We’re looking for stories about change. I’m interested in people who have found joy and a sense of resilience in the face of life’s challenges, even tragedies,” says the publisher.

Scott’s premier publication “Traveling Blind,” a memoir by Laura Fogg, explores the author’s experiences teaching mobility to blind children. Scott designed a marketing program with targeted audiences, including mobility specialists, special education teachers and parents of special-needs children. This first book spoke directly to Scott’s life -- her daughter is one of Fogg’s students.

Medusa’s Muse used a



In Our Own Words
By Dot Brovarney

print-on-demand service that charges for small batches of books as they’re ordered. This newer method eliminates the higher up-front costs and large volume print runs associated with traditional publishing. Boxes and boxes of warehoused books are now old-fashioned. You won’t find Terena Scott storing thousands of books with the fellow in the garage, nor will you glimpse her hawking them out of her trunk on a street corner. She spends most of her time at the computer networking, researching and selling online. Occasionally, you will find her toting a couple of boxes to author readings.

So far, the book is selling well. The next scheduled reading of “Traveling Blind” will be Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. at Cover-to-Cover Books in Cloverdale. Closer to home, the book is available at Mendocino Book Company or through Amazon or medusas-muse.com.

Scott is currently seeking transformative tales about the punk rock experience for an anthology to be published this fall. If you have an idea for this project or other ideas that might be a good fit, email medusasubmits@gmail.com with your query included in the body of your email (not as an attachment).

Literary events in Ukiah this month include a presentation by Point Arena poet Blake More in celebration of her newly published book, “godmeat.” “Godmeat,” published by Beatitude Press, is a 128-page collection of poetry, prose and color artwork, including a dvd. More will appear at Colored Horse Studios on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. Writers Read is the sponsor for this event, which takes place at 780 Waugh Lane in Ukiah. As is the custom at Writers Read, there will be an open mic following More’s reading.

Dot Brovarney is a writer, historian and Ukiah resident.



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DEATH NOTICES

•**Refujilo Vargas**, 86, of Ukiah, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008. Services will be at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church at noon Tuesday with arrangements handled by Eversole Mortuary.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Jonathan

Allen Causey, 29, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and a probation violation in the 600 block of South Oak Street at 10:35 p.m. Friday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

CORRECTIONS

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news arti-

cles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

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The world briefly

McCain, Romney spar over Iraq war ahead of Florida presidential primary

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — John McCain accused Mitt Romney of wanting to set a timetable to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq, drawing immediate protest from his Republican presidential rival who said: “That’s simply wrong and it’s dishonest, and he should apologize.”

The heated exchange underscored the growing intensity of the GOP race ahead of the state’s pivotal primary. A fairly civil debate over economic records and leadership credentials spiraled into an all-out showdown as the two campaigned along the state’s southwest coast.

Polls show McCain and Romney locked in

a tight fight for the lead in a state that offers the winner a hefty 57 delegates to the GOP’s nominating convention next summer and a shot of energy heading into a virtual national primary on Feb. 5.

In Orlando, Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor trying to climb his way back into the leaders pack, sought to take the high road. “If you listen to my opponents, it’s getting kind of nasty,” Giuliani said in Orlando. “I’m going to try to remain positive.”

With economic troubles dominating the race, McCain opened the new line of criticism against Romney at his first event of the day in Fort Myers, Fla., and sought to shift the campaign back to his strength, national security, and away from Romney’s, the econ-

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ELUSIVE IMAGES PHOTO CONTEST



This full-frame version of this month's Elusive Images photo identifies it as "East toward Route 70" (Talmage Road) and is dated March 8, 1950.

Photo courtesy of the Robert J. Lee Collection (from the Thornton family)

State of California captured this view of Talmage Rd. and S. State

The Daily Journal

Thirty-two readers were able to correctly identify this State of California photo as a view looking east down Talmage Road.

The photo was taken March 8, 1950 from the west side of South State Street looking toward Talmage Road. South State was at that time South Highway 101, and was also known as the Redwood Highway.

Held-Poage researcher Ed Bold said

Talmage Road, which is also State Route 70, was completed in 1925, and may well be "California's shortest state highway," running from State Street to what was then the Mendocino State Hospital (today the City of 10,000 Buddhas).

He said the gas station shown at the left of the photo was the Pioneer Service Station, owned by Jack Clarke, and selling Shell gasoline.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Ukiah resident Matt Purcell is the winner of this month's Elusive Images photo contest and will receive a free copy of "Reflections: A Pictorial History of Inland Mendocino County, Volume II," which may be claimed at the Daily Journal office (590 S. School St.) at his convenience.

Ala. Hall of Fame to honor Rosa Parks

Associated Press

MARION, Ala. — Rosa Parks, the black seamstress who helped launch the civil rights movement by refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Alabama's capital, will be inducted this year into the state Women's Hall of Fame.

This is the first year that Parks, who died in October 2005 in Detroit at age 92, is eligible; women must be dead for at least two years before being considered. She will be this year's sole inductee.



Parks

"Rosa Parks was a woman of silent dignity and grace whose life changed the state, the nation and the world," said Valerie Pope Burnes, director of the Hall of Fame.

Parks was arrested Dec. 1, 1955, for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery city bus. Her arrest prompted blacks to boycott the city's bus system and led to a Supreme Court decision ending segregation in public transportation.

The Montgomery bus boycott was led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., then a relatively unknown young minister. The boycott catapulted him to a leadership role in the civil rights movement.

Parks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999.

The Alabama Women's Hall of Fame, founded in 1970, is at Judson College in Marion.

25 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1983
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MENDOCINO COAST RAVAGED BY STORM.

Thousands of coast residents remained without power this morning in the wake of wind and heavy rains from the winter's roughest storm, but damage was light throughout the inland areas of the county.

Two state highways remain closed today — Highway 175 between Hopland and Old Hopland, and Highway 128 at Flynn Creek.

Point Arena, at the county's southern tip, was the hardest hit. Waves, wind and localized flooding ... collapsed two buildings near the water at Point Arena Cove, and smashed through the front windows of the Cove Cafe.

Eight people were caught inside the restaurant and its rear buildings when the high water struck, but all were rescued without injury.

STORM A REAL-LIFE NIGHTMARE FOR CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A furious storm which touched off mudslides, flooding, widespread power outages and traffic nightmares lost some of its punch today, but continuing showers pushed waters of the rain-swollen Russian River over its banks.

While there were showers in the north state, the National Weather Service said the "flash flood" zone was receiving periods of heavy rain which sent the waters in creeks and streams to dangerous levels. The NWS warned of more rock and mudslides.

The Eel, Van Duzen and Russian rivers rose over the flood stage in remote areas during the night but failed to cause any serious damage.

COUNTY ATTEMPTING TO AVERT \$1 MILLION DEFICIT. County officials put a freeze on hiring, vehicle replacement and overtime Tuesday in an effort to head off a deficit estimated at over \$1 million.

Supervisors also took steps to initiate a 36-hour work week, which could save as much as \$750,000 by the time the fiscal year runs out this July.

But the highest price in the government funding crunch could be paid by those who can least afford it — welfare and other aid recipients.

County Auditor Merydel Peterson said the state could soon run out of money, and said aid payments here might have to be suspended until the crisis is resolved.

The revenue side of the equation got board attention as well, as supervisors petitioned the state for a temporary, one cent sales tax increase and institution of a state lottery.

The state crisis mirrors the county's, with deficits projected at over \$1 billion.

It also complements the county's: an estimated 20 percent of county revenues come from the state, and cuts in Sacramento almost always include cuts to local governments.

50 years ago

Monday, Jan. 27, 1958
Ukiah Daily Journal

UKIAH'S RAINFALL HITS 24.57 INCHES. Ukiah's total rainfall to date climbed to 24.57 inches through 5 p.m. last night after weekend cloudbursts poured 2.33 inches of rain on the city and caused water runoff at times to reach near flood proportions.

THIS WAS NEWS



JODY MARTINEZ

The rainfall was general throughout the county, washing out a small bridge and damaging a boat near Nashmead, stopping up a road drain near Covelo and washing out a six-foot section of road; causing a rock slide which closed for a time the Boonville road and also closed the Mill Creek road to the TV translator Saturday night.

A total of 1.40 inches of rain fell yesterday.

MARCH OF DIMES PLACARDS ON PARKING METERS. Ukiah motorists this week are asked to swell the March of Dimes total locally by putting in an extra dime or two when they park their cars at meters on Ukiah city streets and feed their usual pennies and nickels to the hungry meters.

The Ukiah Lions Club has had March of Dimes placards placed on all downtown meters, and dimes deposited in those meters will be turned over by the city to the Ukiah March of Dimes campaign fund.

The city parking lot meters are not included.

Police today made it clear that motorists must still put in their necessary pennies and nickels when they park — but each additional dime collected will be given over to the Polio campaign. Dimes will not raise the time marker on the meter dial — the time can only be registered through pennies and nickels.

Last year approximately \$150 extra was realized for the March of Dimes through the Parking meter dime donations.

100 years ago

Friday, Jan. 24, 1908
Dispatch-Democrat

HIGHWAYMAN IS STILL AT LARGE. The bandit who held up and robbed the Lake county stage last week has thus far successfully eluded the peace officers in their effort towards his capture. He was last seen in the valley on the night after the robbery when he was fired upon by the deputy sheriffs. The next morning he was tracked to Hopland, where the suspect had slept in a hop house on the Foss place. The same man had been there a few days previous and left a few of his personal belongings, which he secured on his return.

It is reported that this same individual had been selling razors in Hopland during his first visit there. He disappeared from that locality on Thursday of last week, and although all the highways were closely guarded he made good his escape.

Last Saturday one Frank Pollard was arrested and lodged in jail, suspicion pointing to him as being the man wanted for the crime. He however, soon proved to the officials that he was entirely innocent of any wrong doings.

At the present writing all trace of the robber is lost, but the sheriff's office has not given up the search.

STEVE SHORES ADJUDGED INSANE. A jury was impaneled in the superior court last Wednesday to determine as to the sanity of Steve Shores. The case occupied the attention of the court the entire day. Many witnesses were examined, and several doctors gave expert testimony. The jury, after being out half an hour, brought in a verdict declaring Shores to be insane, and thereby incapable of properly conducting a defense of the offense charged against him.

It will be remembered that on the 16th day of last November that Shores made an assault on Nightwatchman Beattie in this city while resisting arrest. Officer Beattie was struck on the head with an ax and dangerously wounded. Shores has been in jail since the assault. He has been committed to the asylum. Should he recover he will be returned to this city and tried for his attack on the peace officer.

ANOTHER BUSINESS CHANGE. Jesse Porterfield has purchased a half interest in the Model, the gents' haberdashery, of Marvin Laughlin, and the firm name in the future will be Laughlin & Porterfield. This popular store will in the future, as in the past, carry all the latest of fashion's decree for gentlemen. The new member of the firm is too well known here for the Dispatch to recite his good qualities and business ability.

Dr. E. W. King, of the local state hospital has been in attendance to a meeting of the state board of lunacy at Sacramento this week.

TO RESUME RAILROAD EXTENSION. It has been reported on several occasions recently that work on the construction of the extension of the Northwestern Pacific railroad, north from Willits, will be resumed early in the spring. The work is to commence as soon as weather conditions will permit, and will be pushed rapidly ahead.

WEATHER REPORT. Dr. Geo. McCowen, voluntary weather observer for this locality, has compiled the following observations for the past week: Max. temperature, 60 degrees; Min. temperature, 33 degrees; rain for month 4 inches; for season, 17.10 inches; same date last year, 17.80 inches.

FIGHT PROMOTERS BUSY. Posters are out announcing that the Ukiah Athletic Club will give a boxing contest at Marks' opera house on February 1st. The principal event of the contest will be a 10 round bout between Buck Carter, of Talmage, and Effner Clark, of this valley. The event promises to be an exciting affair as both are big strong lads, weighing 165 pounds each. Several good preliminaries have been arranged to whet the appetites of the fight fans.

PETALUMA TEAM VICTORIOUS. The game of basket ball played in this city last Saturday evening between the Petaluma and Ukiah teams resulted in a victory for the visitors with a score of 32 to 18 in their favor. Superior team work won the game, and also the lads from the Chicken City seemed to understand the fine points of the game better than the local lads.

Jody Martinez can be reached at udj@pacific.net.

Pageant

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Chaty, a 24-year-old opera singer.

Haglund, a cheery, classic blond who studies music at the University of Cincinnati, grew up in a pageant family. Her mother is an active volunteer, and her grandmother, Iora Hunt, competed for the crown as Miss Michigan 1944. Hunt, 82, joined Haglund at a post-pageant news conference.

“The only words that come to my mind is that this is a dream come true, not just for me but for my family as well. I’m not just standing up here alone,” Haglund said.

As her platform issue, Haglund promised to advocate for awareness of eating disorders, an illness from which she has recovered.

The crowning at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip was aired for the first time on cable TV channel TLC. It capped a four-week reality series, “Miss America: Reality Check,” that followed the contestants as they were pushed to shed the dated look of Miss Americas past and adopt a more updated style and irreverent tone.

The show was the latest in a series of attempts to find an audience with a younger demographic after more than a decade of declining ratings.

The 52 newly made-over aspiring beauty queens sported new hairdos, sassy attitudes and red carpet-worthy fashion throughout the new looser competition. A deejay



Photos by Dirk Wunderlich/for the Daily Journal

Miss Michigan receives congratulatory hugs from her fellow contestants after being crowned Miss America.

spun dance music from turntables set up on stage. Contestants danced and waved to the audience during commercial breaks.

They also kicked it up a notch in the swimwear department. As instructed on the reality show, contestants aban-

doned the stiff and careful pageant walk and worked the stage like it was a Paris runway.

Haglund’s moves won howls from the audience.

“I think for the audience, the swimwear and evening wear was much more enter-

taining, am I right?” Haglund said to a nodding group of reporters when asked about the show’s new look.

The changes included a chance for “Reality Check” viewers to text message votes for their favorite contestant. Miss Utah, Jill Stevens, an Army medic who served in Afghanistan, was named “America’s Choice.”

Stevens didn’t make to the final 10, but she took the disappointment with pluck. She dropped and gave the audience push ups before joining the other losers on a riser on the side of the stage where they were treated to a girl’s favorite consolation prize.

“Carbohydrates!” yelled Clinton Kelly, of TLC’s “What Not to Wear,” as a plate of pastries emerged from the wings. Kelly offered his fashion advice during the reality show and some comedic relief to the crowning. “Entertainment Tonight” reporter Mark Steines was the show’s master of ceremonies.

The pageant was dropped from network television in 2004. It spent a two-year stint on Country Music Television before being picked up last summer by TLC, which reaches 93 million homes in the U.S.

The crowning of a Miss America began when Warren Harding was president as a publicity stunt to persuade tourists on Atlantic City’s Boardwalk to stick around after Labor Day. The quaint bathing revue blossomed in the age of television into an American pop culture staple.

But it has not fared well in the age of reality television, despite a series of recent



Miss Michigan Kirsten Haglund, the new Miss America, takes her walk on stage.

experiments that have added quiz shows, viewer voting and “new” style.

It moved to the Las Vegas Strip in 2006 and promised a back-to-basics formula that would revel in its old-school charm. The show continued to lose viewers. It fell to an all-time low of 2.4 million view-

ers in 2007 and was dropped by CMT.

Associated Press writer Ryan Nakashima in Las Vegas contributed to this report.

On the Net: Miss America Pageant: <http://www.missamerica.org/>

TLC: <http://tlc.discovery.com/>

The world briefly

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omy.

First, he slapped at Romney without naming him during a question-and-answer session with Floridians, saying: “Now, one of my opponents wanted to set a date for withdrawal that would have meant disaster.”

Senate Democrats mull adding retirees to rebate plan, extending jobless benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retirees living off Social Security are frustrated that they won’t get tax rebate checks through a bipartisan economic stimulus package before the House. Senate Democrats Friday began efforts to include them.

The Senate is also considering adding an extension of jobless benefits to the \$150 billion package of rebates and business tax cuts in a deal wrapped up Thursday between House leaders and President Bush.

Bush urged Congress on Friday to quickly pass the package without any further spending. “I strongly believe it would be a mistake to delay or derail this bill,” Bush said.

Senate Democrats are refusing to rubber stamp the House measure. That raises the possibility of protracted negotiations if Democrats are successful in adding giving retirees tax rebates, extending unemployment benefits, boosting heating subsidies for the poor and temporarily increasing food stamp payments.

Egypt riot police prevent Gazans from leaving Rafah

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Egyptian riot police and armored vehicles restricted Gaza motorists to a small border area of Egypt on Saturday, in the second attempt in two days to

restore control over the chaotic frontier breached by Hamas militants.

At least 38 members of the Egyptian security forces have been hospitalized, some in critical condition, because of cross-border confrontations, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said. The minister complained of “provocations” at the border, a thinly veiled reprimand of Hamas, and said that while Egypt is ready to ease the suffering of Gazans, this should not endanger Egyptian lives.

Monte Carlo hotel-casino remains closed following three-alarm fire on roof

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The fire-damaged Monte Carlo hotel-casino remained closed to guests Saturday while inspectors checked the 32-story building for damage following the blaze that blackened the facade of the top floors. Ron Lynn, chief of the Clark County Building Department, said he did not know when he would permit the 3,000-room hotel to reopen. “It’s a little soon to tell,” Lynn told The Associated Press moments before he and a team of six inspectors entered the building Saturday morning. “We haven’t completed the testing today. But there is no damage to the casino area.”

The hotel on the Las Vegas Strip was filled nearly to capacity Friday when passing motorists reported seeing flames on the roof. No one was seriously injured.

Disabled spy satellite falling from orbit, could hit Earth in late February or March

WASHINGTON (AP) — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or March, government offi-

cials said Saturday.

The satellite, which no longer can be controlled, could contain hazardous materials, and it is unknown where on the planet it might come down, they said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified as secret.

“Appropriate government agencies are monitoring the situation,” said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council, when asked about the situation after it was dis-

closed by other officials. “Numerous satellites over the years have come out of orbit and fallen harmlessly. We are looking at potential options to mitigate any possible damage this satellite may cause.” He would not comment on whether it is possible for the satellite to be perhaps shot down by a missile. He said it would be inappropriate to discuss any specifics at this time. A senior government official said that lawmakers and other nations are being kept apprised of the situation.



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Calif. court: Bosses can fire workers for using medical marijuana

By PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Employers can fire workers found to have used medical marijuana even if it was legally recommended, the California Supreme Court ruled Thursday in another setback for California in its increasingly rancorous clash with federal law over medical pot use.

The high court upheld a Sacramento telecommunications company's firing of a man who flunked a company-ordered drug test. Gary Ross held a medical marijuana card authorizing him to legally use marijuana to treat a back injury sustained while serving in the Air Force.

The company, Ragingwire Inc., successfully argued it rightfully fired Ross because all marijuana use is illegal under federal law, which does not recognize the medical marijuana

laws in California and 11 other states.

"No state law could completely legalize marijuana for medical purposes because the drug remains illegal under federal law," Justice Kathryn Werdegar wrote for the 5-2 majority.

The court also said the so-called Compassionate Use Act passed by California voters in 1996 had nothing to do with employment laws.

"Under California law, an employer may require preemployment drug tests and take illegal drug use into consideration in making employment decisions," Werdegar wrote.

A 2005 U.S. Supreme Court decision declared that state medicinal marijuana laws don't protect users from prosecution. The Drug Enforcement Agency and other federal agencies have been actively shutting down major medical mari-

juana dispensaries throughout the state over the last two years and charging their operators with serious felony distributions charges.

Ragingwire said it fired Ross because, among other reasons, it feared it could be the target of a federal raid.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the Western Electrical Contractors Association Inc. had joined Ragingwire's case, arguing that companies could lose federal contracts and grants if they allowed employees to smoke pot.

The conservative nonprofit Pacific Legal Foundation said in a friend-of-the-court filing that employers could also be liable for damage done by high workers.

"This decision promotes employer efforts to make safe, drug-free workplaces," said Foundation lawyer Deborah LaFetra.

Ross had argued that medical marijuana users should receive the same workplace protection from discipline that employees with valid painkiller prescriptions do.

The nonprofit marijuana advocacy group Americans for Safe Access, which represents Ross, estimates that 300,000 Americans use medical marijuana. The Oakland-based group said it has received hundreds of employee discrimination complaints in California since it began tracking the issue in 2005.

Safe Access attorney Joe Elford said the group will now focus on getting the Legislature to pass a law protecting medical marijuana users in the workplace.

"Obviously, we are extremely disappointed by the ruling," he said. "But we remain confident that there will be a day when medical marijuana patients are not discriminated against in the workplace."

Assemblyman Mark Leno, a Democrat who represents part of San Francisco, said he will introduce such legislation in the next few weeks.

The ruling "strikes a serious blow to patients' rights," he said.

In her dissent, Justice Joyce Kennard said the ruling was "conspicuously lacking in compassion" and "disrespects" the California medical marijuana law. She said employers should be barred from firing workers who use medical marijuana if they perform their jobs adequately.

Kennard was joined in the dissent by Justice Carlos Moreno.

The American Medical Association advocates keeping marijuana classified as a tightly controlled and dangerous drug that should not be legalized until more research is done.

SUNDAY TV NEWS SHOWS

- Associated Press**
Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:
- ABC's "This Week" — Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.
 - CBS' "Face the Nation" — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.; former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.
 - NBC's "Meet the Press" — Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.
 - CNN's "Late Edition" — Gen. David Petraeus; Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson; former Gov. Mitt Romney, R-Mass.; former Gov. Mike Huckabee, R-Ark.
 - "Fox News Sunday" — Paulson and Huckabee.

Obama wins South Carolina in racially charged primary

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Barack Obama routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the racially charged South Carolina primary Saturday night, regaining campaign momentum in the prelude to a Feb. 5 coast-to-coast competition for more than 1,600 Democratic National Convention delegates.

"The choice in this election is not about regions or religions or genders," Obama said in remarks prepared for a victory rally. "It's not about rich versus poor, young versus old and it's not about black versus white. It's about the past versus the future."

The audience chanted "Race doesn't matter" as it awaited Obama to make his appearance. But it did.

About half the voters were black, according to polling place interviews, and four out of five of them supported Obama. Black women turned out in particularly large numbers. Obama, the first-term Illinois senator, got a quarter of the white vote while Clinton and Edwards split the rest.

Former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina was running third, a sharp setback in the state where he was born and scored a primary victory in his first presidential campaign four years ago. Even so, aides said he would remain in the race.

The victory was Obama's first since he won the kickoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3.

Clinton, a New York senator and former first lady, scored an upset in the New Hampshire primary a few days later. They split the Nevada caucuses, she winning the turnout race, he gaining a one-delegate margin. In a historic race, she hopes to become the first woman to occupy the White House, and Obama is the strongest black contender in history.

The South Carolina primary marked the end of the first phase of the campaign for the Democratic nomination, a series of single-state contests that winnowed the field, conferred co-front-runner status on Clinton and Obama but had relatively few delegates at stake.

That all changes in 10 days' time, when New York, Illinois and California are among the 15 states holding primaries in a virtual nationwide primary. Another seven states and American Samoa will hold Democratic caucuses on the same day.

Obama took a thinly veiled swipe at Clinton in his prepared remarks.

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Letters from our readers

Time to brainstorm on B&GC

To the Editor:
I am saddened by the closing of the Boys and Girls Club. For the past few years they have provided an under-valued service to our community on a limited budget. Our family has benefited greatly from the B&GC during the summer months as a safe, structured diversion for our children and as much-needed after school care during the school year.
I have been greatly impressed by the staff of the B&GC from the very beginning. I remember way back when the UUSD canceled summer school for the majority of the district's students with short notice, and in a matter of two weeks, the B&GC staff organized staffing, location and activities for the valley's youth for the entire summer at a ridiculously reasonable cost.

As I was picking up my son from B&GC on Tuesday (the final day), I was heartbroken as I looked into not only the staff's faces (who were trying very hard to be strong), but those of the children. One little backpack-laden girl, had tears streaming down her face as she said good-bye to a staff member, not knowing when she would see her again. That says a lot about the quality of the staff at the B&GC -- that the members feel connected, secure and at home.

B&GC has been a staple of affordable childcare and youth activities for our community and this is truly a tragic loss for everyone -- even for those without children. We all know that during these formative years, it is incredibly important to keep children busy in a safe, structured environment. If left to themselves, who knows what influences they might be subjected to? We as a community cannot take this chance.

I support the Board of the B&GC and their decision to close temporarily due to budget deficits/funding and realize they had no other choice. Still, I am distressed to think about how many families are scrambling to find a safe place for their children after school. I fear that many youth in our community will become "latchkey" children as a result.

Everyone has something to offer, and we cannot let this important organization go by the wayside. I am certain there are other parents/families/benefactors who have time to help in the fundraising efforts -- by donating time, money, expertise -- anything! We need to brainstorm and get this program back on track.

Who is with me?

**Dana Froneberger
Ukiah**

What's happened to this town?

To the Editor:
What is up with the drugs and crime in this town? After being gone for 20 years, I moved back to Ukiah from Fresno. Upon my return everyone here asked me how I could stand living in Fresno, with all the "pollution and crime." Are you kidding me? After being here just over a year, I have never felt so surrounded by drug dealers, meth-heads, alcoholics and drug related crime as I do living here!

Let's see... a fire captain... a District Attorney's Office employee ... family of former Congressman Dan Hamburg... What do they have in common? No, not outstanding ethics or morality. No, they don't all go to the same church. They have all been arrested for drugs. Cultivating, selling, you name it. Come on! How much further does this have to go before we do something about it?

And, taxpayers' money being used to investigate criminals stealing from drug

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ON EDITORIALS

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In our opinion
Free is good

While we live in the land of the free, it seems few things are. Oh sure, free speech, free religion, free press, free association.

Big deal.
What we want is free stuff!

Enter Freecycle, the wonderful nationwide recycling system based on the notion that one person's trash is another's treasure.

Freecycle has, not surprisingly, taken hold in Mendocino County where hundreds of people have signed up to peruse the offerings of other people. Everything from furniture to musical instruments to gardening tools to baby clothes are up for grabs each day and the merchandise moves fast.

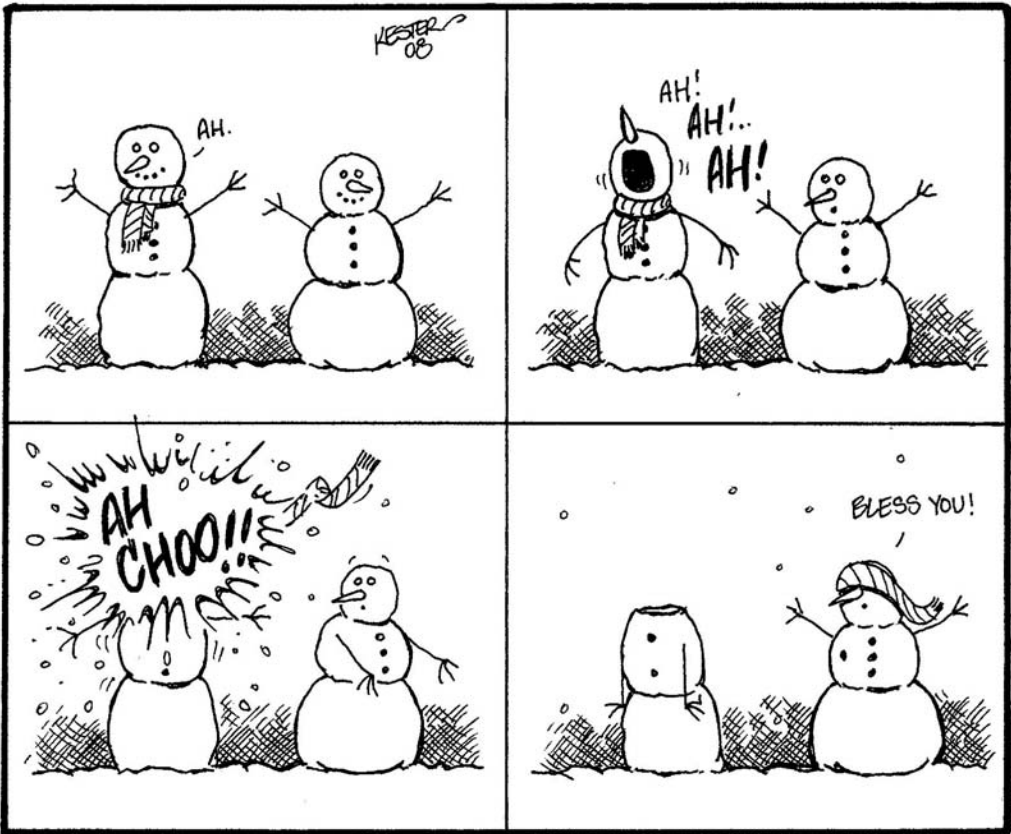
Reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills is the purpose and the achievement of the Freecycle movement. But it's more than

that. It's a great way for young people to furnish their first apartments, for new parents to have cribs and changing tables, for someone to try playing the guitar before investing in that Gibson or Martin or for just a change of decor when the spirit moves.

So the next time you decide to throw something out, take a moment to consider whether it would be useful to someone else and offer it up to the Freecycle community.

You'll be surprised at how good you'll feel when someone says, "Hey, that's just what I'm looking for!"

(To check out the local Freecycle community go to groups.yahoo.com/group/mendocinocountyfreecycle)



Proposed mall no boon to valley

Another voice BY GUINNESS MCFADDEN

Two weeks ago, Brian Carter, local legal counsel for Developers Diversified Realty Corporation (DDR), urged our community to give DDR a fair hearing "on the basis of objective facts and actual dollars and cents rather than ... opponents' speculative arguments." Below are some additional facts. All studies mentioned are available at www.big-boxtoolkit.com.

1. DDR is an Ohio corporation that is "The nation's leading owner, developer and manager of market-dominant community centers." It touts its "aggressive development program." Primarily, it builds and manages very large shopping centers. It has about 740 retail properties totaling 160 million square feet and another \$4.0 billion and 24 million square feet (presumably including Ukiah) in the "pipeline." DDR's largest clients are (in order of size) - Wal-Mart/Sam's Club, Lowe's Home Improvement, PetSmart, T.J. Maxx and Bed Bath & Beyond. (From www.ddr.com/)

2. Mr. Carter asserts that DDR will invest \$100 million in its project which will have a positive effect on construction work and suppliers in this area.

Response: DDR has recently asserted that it has not yet even "defined a project" for Ukiah. However much it might intend to spend, DDR surely has relationships with national suppliers for most of its needs. Certainly it has not committed to use predominantly local contractors/labor. It might not even be possible for a project of DDR's scale to hire local contractors, given its requirements for high stakes bonding. Perhaps the construction would generate work for some local businesses during the actual construction time. However, the county's area plan economic study prepared by Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. and released on 20 April, 2007

projects little demand for addition retail space. According to this study there is enough retail space either already built or zoned to satisfy demand until 2025. This suggests that once DDR's project is built, demand for any new retail construction will drop for years (if not decades) to come. What will the local independent contractors and suppliers work on then?

3. Mr. Carter claims that DDR's project will create 700 permanent jobs and that "Every dollar in wages earned by the 700 people employed at DDR's project will be a net gain for our local economy."

Response: Mr. Carter provides no hint where these "facts" came from, let alone specifically what these 700 jobs would be. How many of them are jobs he, or anyone, would want for their chil-

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Assignment: Ukiah

By Tommy Wayne Kramer

Electile dysfunction

It's a glorious time to be a voter in Mendocino County, isn't it? This is the golden era for politics and the electoral process, and here you are, right in the middle of it.

In the bad old days we had to take time off work to go to the polls where we'd see friends and neighbors and election workers, just like previous years. If you worked for a living you could stretch your vote break to half an hour or so of talking about the likely election outcome, how the Giants did over the weekend and whether or not your boss would notice if you stretched the old vote break into an hour, which you could then cheerfully spend at the Forest Club with your friend.

But all that's been changed. Now, about 18 weeks before the election, the county sends you your ballot and tells you to mark it up and send it back any old time you want. If you're like me you do it immediately just to get it out of the way. And then you're done.

Except the election is still two months off. How did we get elections so screwed up in such a short time here in Mendocino County? How do candidates know when to spend campaign money when they don't know when people are going to vote? And how come we didn't get to vote on these radical changes in how we vote?

OK, enough complaining about the election process - let's complain about the candidates!

DEMOCRATS

HILLARY CLINTON: Chief Executive Officer of Clinton, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Washington, D.C. Has dedicated her entire adult life to supporting, and perhaps encouraging, her sexual abusing/serial molesting husband. This has earned her the unwavering support of feminists all across the land.

BARACK OBAMA: This campaign isn't about race. No way. But change Barack Obama's name to Barney O'Brien, have him support the exact same issues, deliver the exact same speeches and wear the exact same suit ... and his poll numbers would be below Kucinich's.

JOHN EDWARDS: The GQ Dude. Endorsed by Herbalessence. Only a Southern Democrat could live in a 28,000-square-foot house, indulge himself in \$400 haircuts, charge UC Davis \$50,000 for a speech about Poverty in America and still look you in the eye and tell you he's on the side of the little guy, y'all.

DENNIS KUCINICH: Only candidate who can look you in the eye and tell you he's seen a UFO. If he wins the Democratic nomination he still won't carry Cleveland. (It has recently been reported Kucinich has dropped out of the race. This will have no effect on his chances of winning, or the number of votes he gets).

REPUBLICANS

RUDY GIULIANI: Looks like the crazy old lady who lives up in the attic. His campaign strategy? Sit out all the elections until everybody else has won a bunch and then jump in, big. This is like waiting in the locker room while the other guys run the mile, then coming out for the fourth lap.

MIKE HUCKABEE: Was Governor of Arkansas once. Can strum a guitar. Has an \$8 haircut. One time he lost some weight. Wardrobe from Marv's Bargain Barn out there on Route 71. Believes in God, heavily. Will make a comedian named Steven Colbert his running mate, like that's a good thing.

JOHN MCCAIN: Crabby old guy with a lumpy face. Rides a bus from one town to the next. Tells everyone he's just like Ronald Reagan, like that's a good thing.

MITT ROMNEY: Has a name like a guy who played third base for the Pirates in the 1940s. Hollywood Handsome: if you put got him together with John Edwards the room would explode. Thinks evolution is an interesting theory.

Well, there you have it. I'd tell you to clip it out and take it to the polls on election day except the wizards out at the county election department have seen to it there's neither an election day nor polls.

Has anyone wondered whether all these changes in how we vote were done primarily in order to make life easier for the several people who work in the election department? Me neither.

Tommy Wayne Kramer forgot to mention he's also chapped at having to buy a stamp in order to cast his ballot. He borrowed the 41 cents from Tom Hine, who will be eligible to vote again in 2016

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SUNDAY VOICES

How much pot is out there, anyhow?

It's been 27 years since Ag Commissioner Dave Bengston succeeded Ted Erickson who was fired for writing the obvious in the County's annual crop report -- that marijuana was Mendocino County's number one cash export crop.

Nowadays, Mendo Mello is growing nearly everywhere in the County from residential neighborhoods to remote mountaintops.

Last fall two members of the current Board of Supervisors, John Pinches and Jim Wattenburger suggested that Bengston reverse course and include marijuana in the annual crop report.

But how do you do that? What do you count? Plants? Processed bud? It's like counting sand on the beach.

But so far Bengston hasn't done anything about the request because a 27-year-old order from the 1971 Supervisors still constitutes his official instructions on the subject. Until the Supes rescind the old order and issue a new one, Bengston is bound by the original.

Neither Pinches or Wattenburger have brought up the subject since.

Bengston has nevertheless given some thought to the question on the off chance that the Board directs him to begin assaying weed, so to speak. Besides contacting local, state and federal law enforcement agencies for their input, Bengston could talk to what he calls "the marijuana support industry" -- the local suppliers of fertilizers, plastic baggies, large generators or diesel pumps. Bengston says he knows a retired forester who's "very good at estimating acreage from the air" who could take the Commissioner aloft for a fly-over.

With conventional ag crops simple grower surveys are used. But an (anonymous) pot survey might not get much response, much less be even remotely accurate. Even a partial response from pot growers would be difficult to base an estimate on since there's no way to know how representative it would be. Surveys would also have to be bi-lingual given the many illegal grows by, well, illegals.

Over the years attempts have been made to guesstimate Mendo's pot crop value, but they all rely on speculative assumptions, beginning with the law enforcement's plant seizure reports. But those numbers are never explained. How many were mature plants? How much had already been harvested? How much bud did the plant produce? How big were the plants? How much would have been lost due to animals, weather, and so on.

Sunday view

BY MARK SCARAMELLA

The variables are endless.

Pot value guessers assume a certain amount of processed bud per plant. Multiply that dubious figure by the number of plants seized, jack that up by a factor of 20 or more (to represent the uncounted and unseized), apply the assumed wholesale price and like magic you've got a pot crop value estimate -- in the billions.

Yeah, sure, dude.

Since Mendo's seizure numbers are so large these days, any assumption about processed bud per plant or cost per pound can produce wildly varying results. We've seen estimates as low as several hundred million dollars to well into the billions.

Supervisor Pinches said recently that a consultant hired by the County earlier this year had estimated that the marijuana industry represented two-thirds of the county's economy. Since the County's total conventional ag crop value for 2006 was valued at about \$225 million, that would translate to around \$450 million worth of pot -- large, but much less than the inflated estimates derived from seizures.

Seizures have gone up dramatically in recent years, probably because so much more pot is being grown, and grown in boldly large gardens, some of which number in the thousands of plants. Obviously illegal, therefore not voluntarily surveyable.

Depending on what source you use (state numbers or County Eradication Team numbers) seizures have gone up by two or three times just in the last few years.

The County's pot team says they eradicated 321,000 plants as of late October, the end of the eradication season. In 2004 they said they eradicated 92,000.

The only way to approach a reasonable pot crop estimate would be to try to break it down by category and geography and build from there.

The pot crop breaks down to registered Prop 215 medical personal use growers, unregistered Prop 215 personal use growers, Prop 215 caregivers (registered and

unregistered), non-medical personal use growers -- which, taken together probably don't represent much by volume or price. Then add large "medical" and non-medical commercial growers, and Mexican or drug trafficking organization cartel growers.

There's also the problem of how much is grown indoors.

You'd have to apply different prices to different categories of pot depending on how processed it is and whether it's sold retail or wholesale.

Since the cops focus primarily on large commercial trespass grows and illegal public land grows, they probably seize a higher percentage of those crops since they tend to be visible from the air. For the other categories, get the number of Prop 215 cards and the number of patrol deputy or police seizures by supervisorial district and you'd probably start to get a rough handle on the crop size and perhaps some estimate of value.

Factor in that fact that most large grows and many of the smaller grows in Mendocino County are not sold in the County nor are they sold by County residents and therefore don't contribute to the local economy at all. Then factor in that in some areas of the County pot is a form of currency used for barter and is not converted to cash. "Hey dude, I'll give you this bag of bud for that old bike over there."

"I'm not going to do a marijuana crop estimate on my own, arbitrarily," said Bengston. "It's a can of worms and it can become very politically charged. Some people might think that estimating it is adding legitimacy to it. Others might say it's so pervasive that it should be legalized."

Looking at marijuana growing from a purely agricultural perspective, Bengston also points out a significant likely outcome of legalization that is frequently overlooked: If you legalize it companies will start growing it in the central valley or the midwest where they can grow high volumes in row crops causing a dramatic price drop. Accordingly, a year or two later there'd be a dramatic reduction in marijuana growing of any kind in Mendocino County.

"I'm not going to do anything on this until the Board makes it official," Bengston said. "There's no reliable or accurate way to do it. What good is a number if it's just somebody's wild guess?"

Mark Scaramella is a Philo resident.

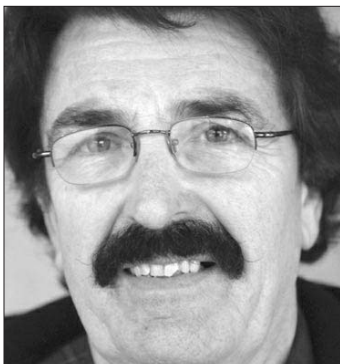
ON THE STREETS

What is your favorite rainy day activity?



Xochitl Prado
Student
Ukiah

"Reading. Studying. Right now I'm reading about sociology and health."



John Rankin
Entrepreneur
Redwood Valley

"Sitting at home by the fire. Just enjoying some easy music with my wife next to me. Something warm and cozy."



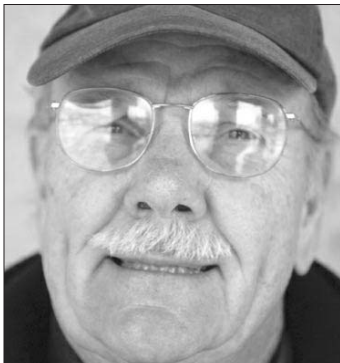
Fran Gaare
Retired
Ukiah

"Sewing and working on a jigsaw puzzle. I enjoy both of them very much... And I'm accomplishing something."



Debbie Lawrey
Flight Nurse
Lakeport

"Sitting by the fireplace watching TV. I'm a homebody so I enjoy being at home, looking at the lake and relaxing."



Dennis Denny
Retired
Ukiah

"Talking to reporters."



Sam Rowe
Cashier
Ukiah

"Watching TV. I don't really like to go out in the rain... It's kind of a downer for me. Though I know we do need the rain."

Photos and interviews by MacLeod Pappidas outside Safeway in Ukiah.

What's DDR afraid of?

Two weeks ago, Brian Carter, local legal counsel for DDR, wrote an opinion piece here asking for a "fair hearing" about his client's proposed project. Decisions about whether to award DDR with a needed zoning change, he argued, should be made "on the basis of objective facts and actual dollars and cents rather than ... speculative arguments."

I couldn't agree more with Carter. That's why I am inviting Carter or anyone else from DDR to engage in a debate next Tuesday evening, January 29. (I understand that DDR has had an open invitation to participate in this event since early last October.)

In my view, the community should ask a bunch of hard questions for the DDR proponents. For example:

- Is what's good for DDR necessarily good for the economy or future of Ukiah? I don't fault DDR, an Ohio-based developer, for wanting to turn a quick profit. But in its own words, it's "the nation's leading owner, developer and manager of market-dominant community centers" --

Another voice

BY MICHAEL SHUMAN

precisely the type of developments that contribute little to the economy and enormously to sprawl.

- DDR major clients are nonlocal, big-box businesses, and they've hinted that Mendocino Crossroads will include anchor tenants like Target, Costco and Kohl's. How can this project possibly benefit the region, given that more than a dozen studies have shown that chain stores produce substantially fewer jobs, earnings, and taxes than comparable local businesses?

- But it's not just that other uses of the Masonite site could have better impacts

on the community - all future projects are, as Carter says, "speculative." But has DDR really considered the plausible negative impact of DDR's likely plans?

- Isn't there a case that retail in Mendocino County is already overbuilt? A careful look at DDR's own studies suggests that it's likely that the Mendocino Crossings project would cut deeply into Ukiah's existing local businesses. Existing big-box development has already hurt Ukiah's downtown, more could exact a final blow.

- Sure, Ukiah residents spend some money outside the community, but is it really smart to talk about total retail leakage in the abstract? When the specifics of the leaks are understood, it's clear that DDR's project will probably do little to plug them. About a third of the area's leakage is in spending at "full-service restaurants," and the best way to plug this is through new, local restaurants downtown.

See DDR, Page A-11

Not going to Let It Be

One of the more unusual sub-genres of odd judicial opinion-writing are the judges who like to embed secret messages -- or at least some kind of references to popular entertainment -- into their opinions. For example, the British judge decided that author Dan Brown had not committed plagiarism in writing The Da Vinci Code -- which of course dealt with hidden messages -- highlighted various letters in his opinion in that case; they turned out to be a not-very-interesting anagram about the Royal Navy. Alex Kozinski, who was recently appointed the chief judge of the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, once worked 200 movie titles into a decision involving a dispute between two motion picture distributors.

And, it turns out, 2007 gave us the latest addition to this canon. For the State of Montana turns out to harbors one of the great fans of the Beatles, in the person of Judge Gregory R. Todd. In early 2007, Judge Todd was presented with a case involving a 20 year-old thief named Andrew McCormack. McCormack pleaded guilty to burglary for a "smash and grab" burglary during which he stole an 18-pack of beer. After his plea, McCormack was asked to fill out a form suggesting what sentence he thought the judge should impose. McCormack responded, "Like

Judicial follies

BY FRANK ZOTTER

the Beatles say, 'Let it Be.'"

Bad move. In his sentencing memorandum, Judge Todd took up first McCormack's unfortunate misspelling of the group's name: "While I will not explore the epistemological or ontological overtones of your response, or even the syntactic or symbolic keys of your allusion, I will say Hey Jude, Do You Want to Know a Secret? The greatest band in rock history spelled their name B-E-A-T-L-E-S."

Just to make sure that no one missed the joke, Todd put both "Hey Jude" and "Do You Want to Know a Secret?" in bold type. And he did so with every other reference to a Beatles song in the rest of the opinion, which included ... several of them.

Judge Todd went on: "I interpret the meaning of your response to suggest that there should be no consequences for your actions and I should just Let it Be so that you could

live in Strawberry Fields Forever. Such reasoning is Here, There, and Everywhere. It does not require a Magical Mystery Tour of interpretation to know The Word means leave it alone."

Moving along with his response to McCormack's request, Judge Todd said, "If I were to overlook your actions and Let it Be, I would ignore that Day in the Life on April 21, 2006. Evidently, earlier that night you said to yourself I Feel Fine while drinking beer. Later, whether you wanted money or were just trying to Act Naturally, you became the Fool on the Hill on North 27th Street. As Mr. Moonlight at 1:30 a.m., you did not Think for Yourself but just focused on I, Me, Mine.

"Because you didn't ask for Help, Wait for Something else, or listen to your conscience saying Honey Don't, the victim later that day was Fixing a Hole in the glass door you broke."

Todd concluded his sentencing memorandum with the following paragraph: "Later when you thought about what you did, you may have said I'll Cry Instead. Now you're saying Let It Be instead of I'm A Loser. As a result of your Hard Day's Night, you are looking at a Ticket To Ride that Long and Winding Road to Deer Lodge. Hopefully you can say both now and When I'm 64 that I Should Have Known Better."

Judge Todd's little exercise generated a surprising amount of publicity, considering that minor beer thefts in Montana don't normally become international news. But generate buzz it did: one story recounting his feat was reported in The Daily Mail on the other side of the Atlantic in the Beatles' homeland. It also seemed to inspire headline writers -- Harper's Magazine, which always reprints a variety of interesting tidbits in the opening section of its publication, ran the opinion under the heading, "Memory Almost Full," the title of former Beatle Paul McCartney's latest album. The smokinggun.com, which also has an eye for these kinds of stunts, headlined it, "I Am The Jurist, Goo Goo G'Joob."

In the end, Judge Todd only put McCormack on three year's probation and ordered him to perform community service. That's something one won't actually find in the document the judge captioned "Sentencing Memorandum," though.

After slipping in 40 Beatles song titles, he apparently didn't have room.

State v. McCormack, No. DC06-0323, Montana Thirteenth Judicial District, Yellowstone County, Feb. 26, 2007

Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.

LOCAL
CALENDAR

This week:

- Tues., UHS girls basketball @ Piner, freshmen at 4:30 p.m., JV 6 and varsity 7:30
- Wed., UHS boys basketball @ Piner, freshmen at 4:30 p.m., JV 6 and varsity 7:30
- Wed., Mendocino mens basket-ball @ Alameda, 7 p.m.
- Wed., Mendocino womens basket-ball @ Napa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY
DIGEST

Mendo-Lake Spikers
Serve-A-Thon

The Mendo-Lake Spikers Volleyball Club invites members of the community to support areas girls, ages 10-18, in our annual Serve-A-Thon on Jan. 28th. Players are seeking pledges to raise money for the upcoming AAU club volleyball season. Pledges may be given per successful serve (out of 20 attempts) or simply for a flat donation. Any person or business interested in sponsoring a player or making a donation to our program may contact Ori Polkinghorne at opolky@hotmail.com or 463-0451. Mendo-Lake Spikers VBC is in its 4th year of existence, providing area girls with the opportunity to learn, train, and compete in the great game of volleyball.

Attention BAM
Wrestlers:

BAM Wrestling Club has begun practice. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in the wrestling room at Ukiah High School. Sign-ups continues through the month of January each night at practice. The cost is \$50.00 per wrestler or \$40.00 each for sibling.

UHS Boosters Meeting

The UHS Boosters Meeting will be held Monday, January, 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Center, building A. If you would like to help with the Fall 2008 Fundraiser then please attend the meeting. There will be organizing and strategizing done at the meeting. All parents and community members welcome. Contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 for further information.

2008 Girls Youth
Softball League

Registration for the 2008 girls youth softball league is now open at the City of Ukiah. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level. The following divisions will be utilized: K-2 in tee-ball, grades 3-4 in pitching machine, grades 5&6 together and grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost is \$50 per player and the deadline is March 7, 2008. Forms are available at the City of Ukiah office (411 West Clay) and online at www.cityofukiah.com. For more info call 463-6714.

Girls 6-on-6 Soccer
League

Registration for the 2008 girls 6-on-6 youth soccer league is currently open and running through March 28th. Teams will consist of girls ages 13 through 19. The registration fee is \$200 per team while player fees of \$20 will be collected at the first games with team rosters. Teams will be scheduled for 12 games (6 double-headers) on Sundays from late April through early June. For questions regarding the league or to register your team, please contact 463-6714.

UHS | WRESTLING

Escamilla, Wildcats finish strong at home invitational

By ANTHONY DION
The Daily Journal

John Escamilla (152 pounds) won his sixth individual tournament, extended his match record to 33-2 and the Ukiah Wildcats took 3rd place overall with 160 points in the Wendy's Invitational Tournament that they hosted on Saturday morning.

Sutter Union High School out of Sacramento took first place overall with 275 points while Willits H.S. finished second with 187.5.

"I think we were inspired by being at home because everyone put in their best effort," said Ukiah Head Coach Basin Herbertson.

"The kids wrestled with both technique and heart out there today."

The top finishers for the Wildcats were Marco Paniagua (145 pounds) and Adrian Sandoval (130 pounds) taking second place; Cody Biven

(135 pounds) and Justin Bettinger (275 pounds) took third; Tracy Fowler (215 pounds), Tyler Busse (125 pounds) and Travis Mendoza (119 pounds) all placed fourth in the tournament.

The story of the day, however, was Escamilla who continued his superb year with another dominant display.

In the championship match, Escamilla took out Sutter Union's Jordan Hilbert with a 9-5 decision win. Prior to the final, Escamilla won with pins -- a first rounder in round one and second round pin in his second match.

Escamilla and the rest of the Wildcat squad look to continue their dominance in the Mendo County Roll Around on Wednesday.

The junior-varsity wrestling team hosts the Ukiah JV duals on Saturday.



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Ukiah's John Escamilla, wrestling in the 152 weight class, works to turn Dylan McGinty of Willits before pinning him in the second period Saturday.

MENDOCINO | WOMENS' BASKETBALL

Eagles dodge Comets

By ANTHONY DION
The Daily Journal

Sophomore guard Katie Stiles had 21 points and five assists for the Mendocino Eagles as they defeated Contra Costa College on Friday night, 65-57, rebounding from their first league loss two days previously.

Mendocino (6-12, 5-1), entered the game against the Comets after suffering a tough loss to Bay Valley Conference (BVC) leading Solano College. Regaining their winning form was certainly their top priority as they looked to keep pace in the BVC.

The game started out rather meekly as both teams seemed to be feeling their opponent out. It took awhile for either team to get in any kind of offensive rhythm.

When they did, they found it together, both squads battling back and forth early on until Mendocino started to pull away. The Eagles went into the break holding a nine-point lead and the momentum.

As the second half got under way, the Eagles continued to ride the momentum, stretching their lead out to 15 points. The Comets attempted to make a run at the deficit through the three-point line and almost did so, getting to within two.

However, a clutch field goal answered Contra's rally. Mendocino would make their free throws down the stretch to ice the victory, their fifth league win of the season.

"We let them back in the game, but the important thing is we dug deep and worked together to finish out the game," said Mendocino Head Coach Jody Steliga.



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Amber Shepherd nails two from the free throw line in Mendocino's game against Contra Costa Friday night. Shepherd finished with 17 points in the win.

"We must keep our focus and work even harder as the second half of the season approaches."

Also contributing for the Eagles were Amber Shepherd

with 17 points, Ashley Shepherd added 14 points and six assists while Andrea Elliston had eight rebounds and seven points.

Passion Allen-LeNard and

Latoya Zacarias played well defensively, working on the post player.

The Eagles return to action on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. as they travel to Napa College.

UHS | BOYS' BASKETBALL

Poor shooting dooms Wildcats in loss to Maria Carrillo

By ANTHONY DION
The Daily Journal

In a battle for first place atop the North Bay League standings, the Ukiah Wildcats junior-varsity boys' basketball team fought gamely against the Pumas of Maria Carrillo before three quarters of poor shooting finally did them in, falling 61-53.

Ukiah (15-5, 7-3), started the first quarter strong, jumping out to a 9-6 early lead with Scott Ragan in particular, looking very impressive.

The quarter would end with the Cats holding a 14-12 advantage.

Maria Carrillo, though, battled back with a 10-0 run that carried over from the latter part of the first quarter, to take a 19-14 lead. The Pumas took advantage of several Ukiah turnovers and missed opportunities, Jesse Williams in particular for the Wildcats started out extremely slow going 0 of 7 from the floor before getting on the

scoreboard.

His first field goal halted the run and brought Ukiah back within three, but the damage had been done -- Ukiah would never see the lead again.

Maria Carrillo went into halftime with a 29-23 advantage and came out in the second half controlling the action once again.

The Wildcats scratched and clawed their way back into the game after falling behind by as many as 12 points to the league-leading Pumas.

An 8-0 run by the Cats cut the lead to four points but the Pumas were not to be denied the critical victory. As the game got physical down the stretch and Ukiah attempted to put Maria Carrillo on the line to earn it, the Pumas certainly did.

Carrillo hit all but two free throws in the closing minutes, going 26 of 39 from the line for the game, to keep the



Sarah Baldik/The Daily Journal

Ukiah's Scott Ragan (32) skies for the rebound in the second quarter of the Wildcats game against Maria Carrillo.

GRIZZLIES 125 |

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Rudy Gay
scores career-high 34
points to lead
Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Rudy Gay scored a career-high 34 points and the Memphis Grizzlies hit their free throws down the stretch to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 125-120 in overtime on Saturday night.

Mike Miller scored 27 points for Memphis, and Kyle Lowry had a career-high 21 points and eight assists for the Grizzlies, who shot 53 percent and hit seven of eight free throws in the final 21.2 seconds to maintain their lead.

Corey Maggette had a season-high 35 points to lead the Clippers, while Sam Cassell finished with 25 and Tim Thomas scored 23, hitting 10 of his 13 shots before fouling out with 26.6 seconds left.

The Clippers never led in regulation, but were up by as many as three in the extra period, thanks to Maggette and Cassell. But Lowry's rebound and stick back with 40 seconds left gave Memphis a 118-117 lead it never relinquished.

The two teams were tied at 108 at the end of regulation after a turnover by Memphis guard Juan Carlos Navarro led to a layup by Maggette with 28.6 seconds left. Maggette stole the ball on the Grizzlies' next possession as Miller drove to the basket, and the Clippers set up the final play during a timeout with 2.9 seconds left.

But Mobley's inbound pass was intercepted by Gay, who missed a desperation shot from midcourt to send the game into overtime.

Both teams were without key big men. Los Angeles center Chris Kaman, the league's third-leading rebounder at 13.9, sat out because of a left shin contusion, while Pau Gasol, Memphis' leading rebounder and second-leading scorer, missed his second straight game due to a sore back. Additionally, Memphis point guard Mike Conley was on the inactive list with a chest contusion.

Gay picked up the slack for Gasol, hitting 13 of 25 shots from the field, including 4-of-8 outside the arc, sending Los Angeles to its third loss in four games.

The Clippers also shot well, finishing the game at 52 percent, including Cassell's 10-of-19. However, Cassell missed all four of his shots from 3-point range.

Memphis outrebounded Los Angeles 43-34.

Both teams shot better than 50 percent in the first half, and Memphis used 19 points from Gay to build a 61-59 halftime lead. Miller added 10 for Memphis.

PGA TOUR | BUICK INVITATIONAL

Woods builds an 8-shot lead with an ugly forecast looming

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Break out the umbrellas for rain, and the white flags for Tiger Woods.

Winning the Buick Invitational became a matter of when — not who — after Woods put on a clinic Saturday by hitting 17 greens in regulation, building an eight-shot lead and hoping he doesn't have to wait until Monday to collect a fourth straight title at Torrey Pines.

"I'm in second place. I'm not really in contention," Stewart Cink conceded. "He's just hard to beat right now."

Woods finished off a 6-under 66 with a tap-in birdie on the par-5 18th, where his 3-iron landed on the bank guarding a pond but stopped short of going into the water. That put him at 18-under 198, tying the 54-hole tournament record set by Woody Blackburn in 1985.

Cink made a 35-foot eagle on the final hole to trim the lead to eight.

Woods shattered the Buick Invitational record for largest 54-hole lead (five shots), and it was the largest on the PGA Tour since Phil Mickelson led by eight shots at the BellSouth Classic in 2006.

This is a course Woods loves, but he has never dominated like this at Torrey Pines. Two years ago, he was in an eight-way tie for the lead with six holes to play. Last year, he had to rally from two shots behind in the final round.

"A lot more enjoyable," Woods said of his margin. "I'd like to have the biggest lead you can possibly have. You've still got to go out there and play well and post a number."

Whether that takes us tomorrow or into Monday, I still need to go out there and hit good shots. You don't ever want to give guys a chance by playing poorly."

Joe Durant was among the deflated, having posted a 67 on the tough South Course only to lose ground. He was at 9-under 207, and when someone asked if the tour should have a mercy rule, Durant could only laugh.

"If there was ever a week for it, this might be it," Durant said.

Mercy might come from Mother Nature. Sunshine gave way to clouds late in the day, and the forecast Sunday was for heavy rain that could wash out the final round. Players would have to return on Monday if the course conditions and forecast allow.

PGA Tour tournament director Mark Russell said Woods with an eight-shot lead would have no bearing on the decision.

"There's no mercy rule," he said. "We're not playing Little League baseball. We'll see what happens. We might get lucky."

Everyone else might need much more than luck.

Woods has never lost a tournament when leading by more than one shot, let alone eight. And it became clear as he kept piling up birdies, and stretching his streak to 38 holes without a bogey, that there were two tournaments being played at Torrey Pines.

"I'm going to try to win the tournament that Tiger's not playing," Justin Leonard said after a 65, the best round of the day that moved him up 44 spots into a tie for fourth.

Woods had none of it.

It was his largest 54-hole lead since he led by 10 on his way to a 15-shot victory in the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, an ominous sign with Torrey Pines hosting the U.S. Open this summer.

"If it was over, they'd be handing out the trophy," Woods said.

Kevin Streelman, the 29-year-old rookie who was the last alternate to get into the Buick Invitational, finally met Woods on the first tee, and then came the introduction to his game.

Streelman held his own, driving past Woods on the opening hole and stuffing his approach into 4 feet. But he missed the putt on the low side, and while he was 1 under through eight holes, he sent a wedge over the green on the par-5 ninth and took double bogey.

Streelman wound up with a 75 that dropped him into a tie for 11th, but he had a blast.

"That was one of the coolest things ever, no doubt," he said. "He was fun to watch but just kind of fun to compare myself against him, as well. It's inspiring and very educational. I recommend everyone try it at least one time."

Even his best golf might not have mattered. Woods built a four-shot lead going into the weekend despite some scrappy play off the tee. He sorted that out Saturday, and once the putts started falling, he was on his way.

Phil Mickelson made an early charge with a 30 on the back nine (he started on No. 10) to get within five shots of the lead, but the best he could manage was a 68.

Woods holed a 10-foot

birdie on the fourth, and his approach at No. 5 spun back and grazed the edge of the cup for a tap-in birdie. He hit his tee shot on the 212-yard 11th hole to 3 feet, and two-putted for birdie on the 13th, his only look at eagle all week. The only time he flirted with bogey came at the 12th, but he holed a 20-footer for par.

"I've only made one bogey," Woods said, explaining his eight-shot lead on a course where the scores usually are bunched. "I'm sure some guys have made just about as many as I have, but I've only dropped one shot."

Woods and everyone else will find out Sunday whether they play, but even if the fourth round can't finish until Monday, that might bring another omen to the world's No. 1 player.

The last time a PGA Tour course held the U.S. Open — the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — Woods won that on a Monday. But he had to rally from a five-shot deficit that year. This was a runaway impressive even by Woods' standards.

Divots: Streelman made small talk with Woods during the round, even asking for an exemption to the AT&T National at Congressional that Woods hosts in the summer. "I told him he was playing well enough that he could earn his way in," Woods said. ... The last 54-hole event on the PGA Tour was the 2005 BellSouth Classic, the week before the Masters. ... The only 54-hole event Woods has won was the 1997 Mercedes Championships up the road at La Costa.

TENNIS | AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Tsonga shaping up for Australian Open title shot against Djokovic

By JOHN PYE
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga seems like a natural when it comes to settling into the Champ's shoes.

Muhammad Ali lookalike Tsonga reached the Australian Open final in only his fifth Grand Slam tournament and was set for a shot at the title early Sunday against No. 3 Novak Djokovic at Rod Laver Arena.

Despite his No. 38 ranking, Tsonga was considered a serious title contender after his semifinal upset of No. 2 Rafael Nadal that followed victories over three other top 15 players.

Hours before Maria Sharapova won the women's final 7-5, 6-3 over Ana Ivanovic on Saturday, Tsonga attended a news conference and told a story of his links to Ali.

"My father was at the fight at Kinshasa because he's from Brazzaville," Tsonga said, talking of the famous "Rumble in the Jungle" when Ali regained the heavyweight title from George Foreman in October, 1974 in what was then known as Zaire.

"He took some photos, so I have some souvenir."

Tsonga's parents, former Congo international handball player and now chemistry teacher Didier and mother Evelynne, were flying to Melbourne from France to attend the final.

It's been 80 years since a Frenchman won the Australian Open — Jean Borotra in 1928. Five other Frenchmen have advanced to major finals in the Open era, with only Yannick Noah going on to capture the title, at the 1983 French Open.

Just like Ali, Tsonga had the media eating out of his hands.

Revealing that Ali was not exactly a childhood idol, despite the nickname because of the uncanny resemblance, Tsonga said he'd grown to admire the great boxer and maybe took some of Ali's

"personality on the court".

"Maybe I think I have the same tennis as his boxing!" he said.

Meanwhile, no Serbian has won a major and Djokovic is determined to end that drought after snapping Roger Federer's run of 10 consecutive Grand Slam finals.

It's the first time since Marat Safin upset Federer in the semifinals here and went on to win the 2005 Australian title that neither Federer nor Nadal will be a Grand Slam champion.

"I think every sport is waiting to have some new faces," the 20-year-old Djokovic said. "Tsonga is coming up. He's just an amazing athlete. He's been performing some impressive tennis in these two weeks — as have I."

"I still didn't lose even a set here in Australian Open, which is also amazing."

Djokovic is confident, having become the youngest man in the Open era to reach the semifinals at all four majors and saying he'd learned a lot from his U.S. Open final loss to Federer.

"It's going to be interesting very much to see young players playing against each other. Obviously, we will not have anything to lose," Djokovic said. "I've been working very hard in the past year and a half, so it's paying off right now."

Tsonga is being extra casual about it, considering this is

the first time he's advanced beyond the fourth round of a major.

"It's the same, because Nadal is two in the world and Djokovic is three, so both of them won a lot of tournaments and they have more experience than me," he said. "I know it's going to be difficult, but I'm here and ready for that."

He dismantled three-time French Open champion Nadal with an audacious forehand, some nerve-defying serving and an incredible physical presence.

Tsonga's rise has been phenomenal after spending the best part of the 2005 and 2006 seasons recovering from back and abdominal injuries.

The former second-ranked junior player, Tsonga was ranked 345 at the end of '05, 212 in '06 and 43 at the end of last season.

He beat No. 9 Andy Murray in his opening-round match and followed with wins over No. 8 Richard Gasquet and No. 14 Mikhail Youzhny.

He's projected to jump to No. 18 if he loses the final or No. 9 if he wins — and he's never won an ATP Tour-level title.

Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram became the first Israeli doubles pairing to win a Grand Slam when they outlasted Michael Llodra and Arnaud Clement 7-5 7-6 (4) Saturday.

Sharapova won her third

Grand Slam title after waking up to encouragement from 12-time Grand Slam singles titlist Billie Jean King.

"Champions take chances, and pressure is a privilege," King had written in a text message that Sharapova saw when she woke up.

"I took mine," the fifth-ranked Sharapova said. "I had those great words in my mind during the match."

She did not lose a set in seven matches, including wins over three of the top four players, as she sought redemption from a 6-1, 6-2 loss to Serena Williams in last year's final.

From 3-3 in the second set, Sharapova ran off the last three games, breaking Ivanovic for the fourth time to finish the match.

She dropped to her knees and appeared to be fighting back tears as she waved and blew kisses to the crowd.

Sharapova wished her mother, Yelena, a happy birthday and told her she'd buy her flowers with some of her \$1,207,790 prize money.

She also dedicated the win to Jane Joyce, the mother of her hitting partner and coach, Michael Joyce, who died last year.

"Jane was the name we were thinking about," Sharapova said. "I want to dedicate this win to her because after the loss (Joyce) suffered, I got a whole lot of perspective with my injuries and setbacks."

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Top 25 Recaps

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 21 points and Derrick Rose added 19 to lead No. 1 Memphis to an 81-73 victory over Gonzaga on Saturday.

The Tigers (19-0) extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 43 straight by showing off their athleticism and running over Gonzaga (15-5), which had a six-game winning streak.

Antonio Anderson added 12 points for Memphis, and Joey Dorsey had nine points and 13 rebounds. John Calipari joined Larry Finch as the only Memphis coaches with at least 200 wins, improving to 200-63 in his eighth season.

Jeremy Pargo led Gonzaga with 25 points while Josh Heytvelt added 13.

The Bulldogs got within six inside the final minute but no closer than that even though Memphis went 7-of-12 from the line.

Memphis dominated on the boards behind Dorsey (40-28) but hurt Gonzaga most with 23 fast-break points — 21 off turnovers.

No. 2 Kansas 84, Nebraska 49

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Darrell Arthur scored 18 points and Brandon Rush had 17 points and eight rebounds for Kansas.

The Jayhawks (20-0, 5-0 Big 12), who led 44-15 at halftime, kept pace with No. 1 Memphis (19-0) as the nation's only unbeaten Division I teams.

Aleks Maric, the Huskers' 6-foot-11 senior who had been averaging almost 17 points, failed to score for the first time since his sophomore year. He was 0-for-6 from the field and 0-for-2 from the line in 21 minutes.

Rush was 5-of-7 from behind the 3-point arc, exactly what he was two weeks earlier in a 79-58 victory at Nebraska.

Steve Harley had 16 points for Nebraska (11-6, 0-4), the only Big 12 team without a conference win.

Connecticut 68, No. 7 Indiana 63

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Fill-in starter Craig Austrie had 15 points and the Huskies dominated the middle in snapping the Hoosiers' 13-game winning streak and their 29-game home winning streak.

UConn (14-5) was without starting guard Jerome Dyson and backup Doug Wiggins, who were suspended Friday for violating team rules. So the Huskies relied on power, outscoring the Hoosiers 34-16 in the paint and grabbing a 44-28 rebounding edge.

Armon Bassett led Indiana (17-2) with 18 points and Eric Gordon added 14.

A.J. Price finished with 14 points for the Huskies, while Hasheem Thabeet had 12.

UConn held the Big Ten's best shooting team to just 27.6 percent in the half and 37.1 percent for the game.

Purdue 60, No. 11 Wisconsin 56

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — E'Twaun Moore scored 16 points and Purdue snapped the Badgers' 10-game winning streak.

Robbie Hummel added 10 points, seven rebounds, five assists and a game-winning block for Purdue (15-5, 6-1 Big Ten), which has won five straight.

Brian Butch had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Badgers (16-3, 6-1), while Trevon Hughes added 11 points.

Wisconsin got the ball, trailing 58-56 with 10 seconds to play. Michael Flowers took the ball at the top of the key and drove to his right, but Hummel blocked his layup. Hummel grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 1.2 seconds left. He made both free throws to seal the win as the students in the sellout crowd of 14,123 stormed the court.

No. 15 Butler 73, Ill.-Chicago 57

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Matt Howard scored 20 points and A.J. Graves added 16 for Butler.

It was the 12th straight

game of double-figure scoring for Howard, a 6-foot-8 freshman, while Graves had his most points in more than a month.

Graves' fourth 3-pointer ended a brief second-half comeback by the Flames (10-10, 4-5 Horizon League), then Howard scored the next six points and the Bulldogs (19-2, 8-2) took their biggest lead at 61-44 with under 8 minutes remaining.

Josh Mayo, the nation's leader in 3-point percentage, finished with 19 points for the Flames.

No. 18 Texas A&M 59, Oklahoma St. 56

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Dominique Kirk hit the go-ahead free throws with 44 seconds left and Texas A&M held on to snap a three-game losing streak.

After Kirk put the Aggies (16-4, 2-3 Big 12) up 57-56, the Cowboys squandered their first chance to move ahead when forward Ibrahima Thomas — a 64 percent free throw shooter — came up empty on two foul shots with 20 seconds left.

James Anderson, Oklahoma State's leading scorer, missed a 3-pointer that could have put the Cowboys (10-9, 1-4) on top.

Josh Carter, who injured his leg and briefly left the game in the final sequence, scored 13 points to lead Texas A&M, which lost in five overtimes to No. 25 Baylor on Wednesday.

Anderson led Oklahoma State with 15 points.

Notre Dame 90, No. 18 Villanova 80

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kyle McAlarney scored 30 points, and Luke Harangody had 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead Notre Dame to its first conference road win of the season.

Rob Kurz added 12 points for the Irish (14-4, 4-2 Big East) who hit nine 3-pointers and shot 51 percent from the field.

Antonio Pena scored 17 points for Villanova (13-5, 3-4), which lost 80-68 at Rutgers on Wednesday. Oklahoma 77, No. 25 Baylor 71

WACO, Texas (AP) — Freshman standout Blake Griffin made an unexpected return from a sprained left knee and had 17 points and 15 rebounds as Oklahoma beat Baylor for the 27th straight time since 1977.

Baylor (16-3, 4-1 Big 12), coming off a five-overtime thriller over Texas A&M in

their first game as a ranked team since 1969, overcame a 16-point second-half deficit against Oklahoma. The Bears went ahead 71-70 with about 2 minutes left when Henry Dugat rebounded a missed 3-pointer and drove the length of the court for a layup.

The Bears didn't score again.

Griffin answered for the Sooners (14-5, 2-2) with a strong inside basket. Then after a Baylor miss, he drove the baseline to make it 74-71.

After getting hurt early at No. 2 Kansas on Jan. 14, Griffin was supposed to be out up to four weeks. But he missed only one game and was playing 13 days later.

Curtis Jerrells led Baylor with 17 points while Kevin Rogers had 13 points and 16 rebounds.

Wildcats

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Wildcats at a safe distance.

Sweeting had 15 points and Diaz 14 for the Pumas in the win. The Wildcats were led by Williams who took over in the fourth with 11 of his 18 points coming in the final quarter. Ragan added 12 points in the loss.

"We worked really hard," said Ukiah Head Coach Jeff Silva-Brown afterwards, "our shots just weren't falling for us tonight."

Ukiah hopes that there won't be a lid on the basket on Wednesday when they go on the road to face Piner at 6 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	18	3	59	125	115
Philadelphia	27	16	5	59	160	138
Pittsburgh	27	18	4	58	143	133
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	6	54	124	141
N.Y. Rangers	24	21	6	54	124	129

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	31	15	4	66	174	145
Montreal	26	15	8	60	154	136
Boston	25	19	5	55	129	133
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	142	139
Toronto	20	23	8	48	142	164

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Washington	23	22	5	51	147	156
Florida	23	25	4	50	141	175
Tampa Bay	22	24	5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20	25	5	45	145	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Columbus	25	20	6	56	128	126
Nashville	25	20	5	55	146	138
St. Louis	22	19	7	51	123	136
Chicago	23	23	4	50	139	143

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	28	19	3	59	138	138
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26	19	5	57	131	121
Colorado	24	20	4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23	24	5	51	140	158

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	20	5	61	154	138
San Jose	27	15	7	61	129	119
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137
Phoenix	26	21	2	54	135	134
Los Angeles	20	29	2	42	143	169

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Game

All-Star Game at Atlanta, 3 p.m.

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Columbus, 4 p.m.

Nashville at Boston, 4 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.

Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 4 p.m.

Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

St. Louis at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.

Washington at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.

San Jose at Edmonton, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	27	18	.600	—
Washington	23	18	.561	2
Atlanta	18	21	.462	6
Charlotte	17	26	.395	9
Miami	8	33	.195	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	13	.705	—
Cleveland	23	19	.548	7
Indiana	19	25	.432	12
Chicago	17	25	.405	13
Milwaukee	17	27	.386	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	30	12	.714	—
Dallas	29	13	.690	1
San Antonio	28	13	.683	1 1/2
Houston	24	19	.558	6 1/2
Memphis	12	31	.279	1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	26	18	.591	—
Portland	25	18	.581	1 1/2
Utah	25	18	.581	1 1/2
Seattle	9	34	.209	1/2
Minnesota	7	35	.167	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	31	13	.705	—
L.A. Lakers	27	14	.659	2 1/2
Golden State	26	18	.591	5
Sacramento	18	24	.429	12
L.A. Clippers	13	26	.333	1/2

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee at Iowa, Indiana 92

San Antonio, Miami 89

Golden State 121, New Jersey 119

Friday's Games

Charlotte 70, Milwaukee 75

Phoenix 110, Cleveland 108

Washington 104, Memphis 93

Detroit 101, Orlando 93

Boston 87, Minnesota 86

New York 89, Philadelphia 81

New Orleans 111, L.A. Clippers 92

Charlotte 90, Chicago 77

Dallas 112, L.A. Lakers 105

Denver 100, New Jersey 85

Utah 127, Sacramento 113

Houston 89, Portland 79

Atlanta 99, Seattle 90

Saturday's Games

Indiana at Miami, 12:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Charlotte, 4 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 5 p.m.

New Orleans at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at Chicago, 10 a.m.

Boston at Orlando, 10 a.m.

Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 12:30 p.m.

Danville at Portland, 3 p.m.

Washington at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.

Denver at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.

Utah at Houston, 4 p.m.

Sacramento at Seattle, 6 p.m.

New York at Golden State, 6 p.m.

San Diego

3rd Round

Tiger Woods	67-65-66	—	198	-18
Stewart Cink	68-69-69	—	206	-10
Joe Durant	70-70-70	—	210	-6
Doug LaBelle	1168-72-69	—	209	-7
Justin Leonard	76-68-65	—	209	-7
Aaron Beasley	71-67-71	—	209	-7
Boo Weekley	72-66-71	—	209	-7
Ryui Imada	69-72-69	—	210	-6
Jeff Quinney	69-71-70	—	210	-6
Stuart Appleby	67-72-71	—	210	-6
Steve Elkington	71-71-69	—	211	-5
Camilo Villegas	69-72-70	—	211	-5
Kevin Stanger	73-68-70	—	211	-5
Phil Mickelton	70-73-68	—	211	-5
Kenneth Ferrie	73-67-71	—	211	-5
Fred Couples	71-69-71	—	211	-5
Carlos Frano	71-69-71	—	211	-5
Charles Howell II	1168-72-71	—	211	-5
John Senden	70-61-72	—	211	-5
Kevin Streelman	67-69-75	—	211	-5
Kari Pettersson	70-72-70	—	212	-4
Rory Sabbatini	67-75-70	—	212	-4
Matt Jones	72-70-70	—	212	-4
John Mallin	70-73-68	—	212	-4
Robert Allenby	70-70-72	—	212	-4
Nathan Green	68-72-72	—	212	-4
Bryan Baird	71-71-71	—	213	-3
Justin Bli	74-69-70	—	213	-3
Troy Matteson	65-75-73	—	213	-3
Hunter Mahan	71-69-73	—	213	-3
Dean Wilson	69-71-73	—	213	-3
Bill Haas	72-68-73	—	213	-3
Jim Furyk	73-68-73	—	214	-2
Mark Kuchner	71-72-71	—	214	-2
Tag Ridings	73-71-72	—	214	-2
Parker MacLachlin	69-73-73	—	215	-1
Shigeki Maruyama	71-71-73	—	215	-1
Frank Lickliter	1172-73-73	—	215	-1
Vijay Singh	73-68-74	—	215	-1
Jeff Maggert	71-71-72	—	215	-1
Steve Marino	74-70-71	—	215	-1
Rod Manno	70-72-74	—	216	E
Chris Stroud	73-70-73	—	216	E
John Mills	73-70-73	—	216	E
J.B. Holmes	71-72-72	—	216	E
Chad Rios	73-71-72	—	216	E
Jim Park	71-73-72	—	216	E
Dustin Johnson	72-70-75	—	217	+ 1
Cliff Kresge	76-67-74	—	217	+ 1
Tim Herron	72-72-73	—	217	+ 1
Roland Thatcher	73-71-73	—	217	+ 1
Jason Gore	73-71-73	—	217	+ 1
Jamie Lovemark	73-71-73	—	217	+ 1
Kevin Stadler	68-74-76	—	218	+ 2
Sean O'Hair	76-68-74	—	218	+ 2
Brett Wetterberg	72-72-74	—	218	+ 2
Brad Adonisni	65-72-80	—	218	+ 2
Mark Turnesa	73-70-76	—	219	+ 3
Bubba Watson	73-73-75	—	219	+ 3
Craig Barlow	71-73-75	—	219	+ 3
Mark O'Meara	72-72-75	—	219	+ 3
Jason Day	72-72-75	—	219	+ 3
Tom Pernice Jr.	71-73-75	—	219	+ 3
George McNeill	72-72-75	—	219	+ 3
John Rollins	71-71-78	—	220	+ 4
Cody Fieken	70-74-77	—	221	+ 5
Travis Perkins	76-68-77	—	221	+ 5

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Letters

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dealers. Why? Let them rob and beat the snot out of each other. Maybe they'll learn their lesson that way since there doesn't seem to be any other punishment or consequence for being a drug dealer in this county. I rarely see any drug dealers/growers prosecuted by the DA's office. Why is that? What the heck is going on in this place?

This town won't allow a Costco but they'll make

Mall

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dren? More importantly, the assumption that every person employed at DDR's new project will provide a net gain for our economy is almost certainly false. It is more likely that every job created at or moved to the new DDR project would result in a net jobs loss in Mendocino County.

Opening a new retail store does not magically create more money for people to spend on retail goods. For the most part, large new stores simply redistribute a fixed pie (perhaps also relocating a few slices by, for example, moving sales from Willits or Fort Bragg to Ukiah). Large chain stores are designed to capture a big slice of the pie using fewer employees than their smaller competitors. Studies show that large retailers actually reduce total jobs as existing businesses downsize or close. Further, "big box" type retail shifts work from local owners to distant managers, and decreases prevailing wages in an area and increases poverty rates.

Mr. Carter's claim does, however, establish that the impact of DDR's development would be huge. For example, 700 retail jobs at the DDR site would represents about one in 10 retail jobs countywide shifting to that one location.

4. Mr. Carter claims that, "One study" indicates that "locals spend more than \$169,000,000 each year on retail items outside of this valley." (Dollars leaving an area in that manner are commonly referred to as "leakage.")

Response: Mr. Carter's "one study" was commissioned and paid for by DDR. By "locals" he means everyone in Mendocino County. He does not mention that the comparable study by Economic Planning Systems which was commissioned by the County Board of Supervisors found far less than DDR's claimed \$169 million in total leakage.

Mr. Carter's \$169 million figure is actually a compilation of leakage from different selected categories of retail, e.g., about half of that figure is for automobiles and "full service restaurants." Unless DDR's plan includes both car lots and a huge number of new restaurants (which would likely cripple Ukiah's down-

Ukiah a mecca for drug dealers with all the legalization of marijuana. Wonderful. Hasn't anyone noticed the increase of crime since that happened? How about the increase in meth arrests? "Gee, but marijuana isn't a gateway drug, right?" ...you're experiencing a permanent brain fart if you believe that. Seriously, this isn't rocket science fellas: Drugmakers, ya don't have to be a genius to figure out this isn't good for small town economy.

Fresno with its population of over 891,700 is like Disneyland compared to this

town) it cannot possibly capture \$169 million in local retail leakage as Mr. Carter claims. All of Mendocino would also need to stop purchasing over the Internet and instead drive to the DDR project.

If DDR did really capture \$169 million in "local retail sales" it could only do so by diverting a large portion of those sales from existing local business. Any shift in spending from independent locally-owned stores to national chains tends to decrease local incomes. A number of studies show that money spent at a locally-owned store "multiplies" in the local economy because local stores tend to use more local suppliers (from office supplies to accountants and bankers). So far, DDR has avoided providing an estimate of how much existing local business it expects to capture.

5. Mr. Carter claims that increased taxes paid by DDR will help fund local services.

Response: Mr. Carter apparently fails to consider the associated costs to the community. Studies suggest that big box format retail can generate net losses for local government. Part of DDR's investment would, for example, probably provide things like beefy new freeway ramps and many new stoplights to control the substantial increase in traffic. But, would its tax payment be sufficient to cover cost to maintain all of that new infrastructure -- plus the many other related costs such as maintaining the additional sewer and water, increases in people receiving public assistance and increased demand for law enforcement?

While DDR insists that it has not yet "defined a project" its initial plan called for 700,000 square feet of retail space and a 3,900-car parking lot. To put that in perspective, the Wal-Mart parking lot in Ukiah is sized for 320 cars. That's a twelve-fold increase in size and traffic!

If you like the traffic in Santa Rosa and Windsor, you're going to love Ukiah's traffic if this monster is allowed to be built.

Space does not permit a reply to each of Mr. Carter's claims here. To hear more please come to the Citizen U discussion on Tuesday, January 29, at the Ukiah Conference Center, 200 S School Street, Ukiah, 6-8 p.m.

Guinness McFadden is a Potter Valley resident.

town, a contributor to sprawl, a blemish on the rural character most residents are trying to preserve.

Certainly there are at least two sides to this debate, and that's why a number of local community organizations invited both DDR and me to a forum where the public could hear both of them - openly, fairly, comprehensively. I look forward to presenting the skeptic's case, even if DDR is not ready to present theirs.

I hope that Brian Carter or one of his colleagues reconsiders. When the forum convenes at Ukiah Conference Center at 6 pm on Tuesday there will still be a chair for DDR.

Michael Shuman, an attorney and economist based in Washington, DC, is author of "The Small-Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses Are Beating the Global Competition." He will be speaking at a Citizen U meeting Jan. 29 on the subject of the possibilities at the Masonite site.

place. And they have two Costcos!

Theresa McNerlin
Ukiah

Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

The Board of Equalization has no current plans to amend Regulation 1591 as it relates to the sale of medical marijuana. While the regulation does state in part that the item must qualify as a medicine to be exempt from sales tax, there are other tests that must be met including that it must be distributed by a physician, pharmacy, health facility, or medical clinic. Even if medical marijuana meets the definition of a "medicine" under California Sales and Use Tax Law, that doesn't mean transactions involving medical marijuana automatically qualify as exempt sales of medicines.

Medical marijuana sellers should still obtain a seller's permit like any other retailer and remit sales tax to the Board of Equalization.

Thank you for your help in offering clarification to your readers.

Betty T. Yee
Chairwoman
California Board of
Equalization

Let's start listening

To the Editor:

So many deaths this past holiday season. People I know, people I don't know, people I only know from reading the paper: a sheriff's officer on Waugh Lane; a

man with a shotgun come calling on his girlfriend; a young man I sat next to at Thanksgiving dinner. Annie Raitt, a woman too diverse to condense to one summative line. Ditto for Dory Anderson, a county library devotee and reference person.

I feel a little like the survivor of a plane crash, one who lived to tell about it. Who can't explain but tries to, wonders about, why passenger compartment shrapnel missed them in Row 10, Seat C, but took the head off the person in Row 10, Seat B.

Such a season, everything more poignant, vibrant, our hearts wide open even as our ears closed to the too often repeated, same songs in the stores with their hint of commercialism, of being not songs to sing any more but rather as part of the sales display. But this season death hit home, came home. I heard it on the porch, asking if I was home.

I was out back. So it went next door. Or down the street. Kept an appointment across town. Picked up an enraged boyfriend on it's way to the boyhood friend of my nephews.

But it stayed in town. Death stayed nearby, didn't go far. Went up into the hills a bit. Waited a day -- waited out the sun perhaps -- then came down and found two easy pickings on the same day, two young men who found life to be like a light switch sometimes, and this time decided the light should be off.

Families don't matter when the light switch wants

to be off. When power coursing through mis-matched wires goes sparking a switch, the switch gets tripped. Find the right tool, the right weapon, and the switch can be rigged to shut off automatically. Do this, and that will happen. The first part is manual. What happens next, automatic.

And then there are the diseases that give choices. Fight the killer or not. The diagnosis. Fight it to the death. Fight it till we can't fight anymore. Till giving up is the most noble thing we can remember doing, the most loving, in many a year.

"I don't want to die." That's what the young man beside whom I sat at Thanksgiving said once the tool in his hand, the weapon, took his choice out of the manual stage, and switched it to automatic.

It's a lesson. Our loved ones leaving are always teaching us something. We learn late, and they do, too. The dead and the dying are leaving themselves as much as they are leaving us. Leaving us their unlearned lessons.

When my young friend died, I felt first the hope that it wasn't a thing he regretted, a decision he would re-do, a second or two of his life that he would re-live and change if he could. Pull back. Take back. Wrest with two hands his life away from death. Live. Take back his life and live. Just a second or two of his life back. It doesn't seem much to ask. A second or two. A breath.

I don't know, but I think it

was. An action taken in a dark place at a dark time when it made sense to throw the switch. It's life and light that sometimes seems the illusion, the thing that once lost, won't ever come back, ever. That's how amazing it is. How amazing life and light are. Love. That any of us have light and life and love, let alone for how long some of us have light and life and love. Count your blessings.

And listen. I have a friend whose card she hands out to people reads, "I hear you."

After such a season, "I hear you" seems as good a New Year's resolution as any, as we need, as we carry our nation at war forward. Our town forward. Our loved ones of light and life forward in our hearts in this new year, shoulder to shoulder and ear to ear.

Bill Walls
Ukiah

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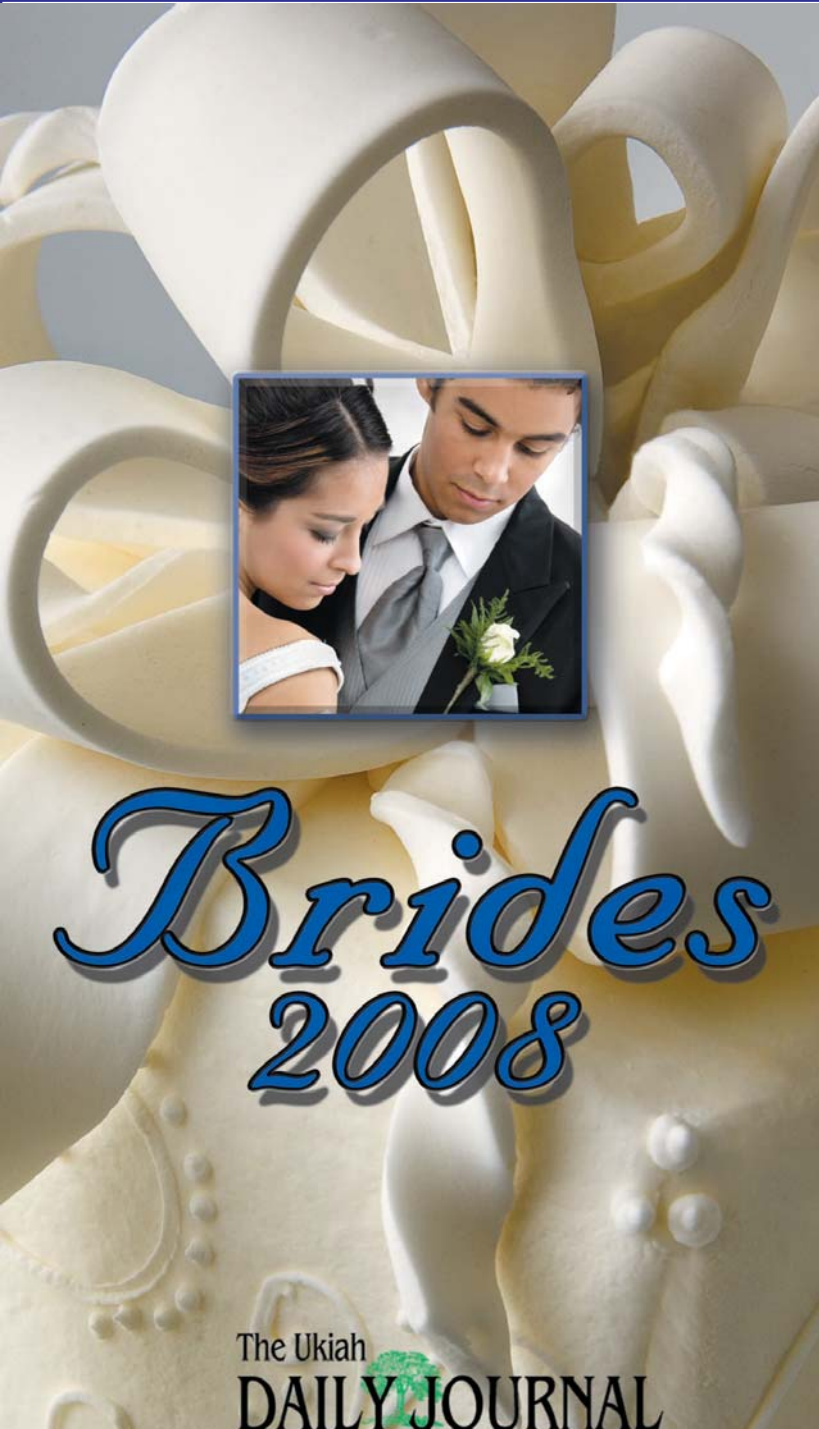
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DDR

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- Where are your estimates of damage to overall employment in the county? A 2006 study found that for every new retail job created by Wal-Mart, 1.5 jobs are lost as existing businesses downsize or close. DDR's prediction that its project will generate 700 jobs, therefore, could actually lead to the destruction of many, if not more than, 700 jobs elsewhere in the local economy.
- Isn't it "speculative" whether DDR's mall will succeed, even on its own terms? The U.S. retail sector has been overbuilt everywhere, including Mendocino. Malls are shutting down across the country, and the pace will quicken as the economy sinks into an imminent recession.

The bottom line is this: For DDR, a failed mall is a minor write-off. For Ukiah, it's an eyesore, a destroyer of down-

3-DAY FORECAST

TODAY

47°

Winds subsiding with periods of rain

TONIGHT

36°

Cold with rain

MONDAY

46°

33°

Cloudy and chilly with a little rain

TUESDAY

42°

34°

Cloudy and cold with a chance of rain

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:27 p.m.

Moonrise today 11:15 p.m.
Moonset today 9:54 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last

New

First

Full

Jan. 29

Feb. 6

Feb. 13

Feb. 20

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Temperature

High 56

Low 47

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Normal low 38

Record high 81 in 1934

Record low 22 in 1949

Precipitation

24 hrs to 2 p.m. Sat. 2.01"

Month to date 9.83"

Normal month to date 6.61"

Season to date 19.46"

Last season to date 10.81"

Normal season to date 20.91"

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

CALIFORNIA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	61/47/r	60/42/pc	Napa	52/40/r	51/31/r
Antioch	52/40/r	49/34/r	Needles	60/46/r	61/41/pc
Arroyo Grande	55/44/r	56/29/pc	Oakland	55/43/r	52/39/r
Atascadero	53/38/r	53/32/pc	Ontario	56/46/r	56/39/pc
Auburn	49/35/r	45/29/sn	Orange	60/46/r	59/36/pc
Barstow	56/40/r	54/33/c	Oxnard	58/47/r	57/40/pc
Big Sur	54/38/r	51/40/c	Palm Springs	59/44/r	60/41/pc
Bishop	45/30/sn	46/18/sf	Pasadena	55/45/r	56/42/pc
Blythe	66/48/r	64/41/pc	Pomona	58/44/r	57/34/pc
Burbank	51/47/r	56/40/pc	Potter Valley	45/32/r	44/32/r
California City	51/38/r	50/29/c	Redding	46/36/r	45/32/r
Carpinteria	56/48/r	55/38/pc	Riverside	56/43/r	54/36/pc
Catalina	56/46/r	55/43/pc	Sacramento	53/41/r	49/34/r
Chico	50/36/r	47/34/r	Salinas	56/42/r	53/35/r
Crescent City	46/35/r	47/40/r	San Bernardino	58/43/r	55/37/pc
Death Valley	66/44/r	66/33/c	San Diego	60/52/r	59/47/pc
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Eureka	47/34/r	47/36/r	San Luis Obispo	53/42/r	56/34/pc
Fort Bragg	50/42/r	51/37/r	San Rafael	51/39/r	50/36/r
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Monrovia	56/44/r	57/41/pc	Willits	43/30/r	42/31/r
Monterey	57/43/r	52/38/r	Yosemite Valley	45/31/r	44/19/sf
Morro Bay	57/44/r	52/40/pc	Yreka	40/25/sn	34/23/sn

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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other people (family) are affected. Even if it's answering the phone, making a photocopy or doing community education, I'm helping in some way in making the lives of 360,000 people a bit easier today.

"How can I impact the children who are involved in the Children's Miracle Network? So much society is focused on children and teens and the younger generation, I think it's great for me because I can focus on them and use my platform and possibly unite these two generations. The younger children can see some of the difficulties the older generations are facing. In the Miracle Network, giving them smiles, letting them try on a Miss America crown, they smile a little bit more. Really focusing on both age brackets and our community as a whole."

Melissa has had a spectacular week both in her competition and in experiencing, along with the other 51 contestants, the world of Miss America. The contestants arrived in Las Vegas last week on Thursday. Melissa's words, "Incredible! We saw 'Stomp.' It's a great show, but afterwards we got to go backstage to meet the cast. It was that special treatment, like being Miss America for a moment that we normally don't get. Going to the Venetian Hotel and riding a Gondola with a serenade. There were trumpets announcing our arrival. I'll definitely remember this forever."

Melissa said that "Sunday afternoon the contestants got to walk the runway in their own gowns at the Fashion Show Mall. It was an amazing sight. Right there in the middle of the mall, a huge glass box and a long runway rose out of the floor. We were underground in the mall. Fifty-two girls in a large glass box then they shut us in. Oh my goodness. Then it rose up and we could see out. Walking

On Tuesday, the first night of preliminary competition for the title of Miss America in Las Vegas, Ukiah's Melissa Chaty competes in the swimsuit/physical fitness and evening wear categories.

that runway and having my moment in the spotlight was so much fun." Many of Melissa's friends and supporters were there. "Seeing all of you was a special moment," she said.

Competition began on Tuesday. It was Melissa's day for her Miss America interview. Some consider it the most stressful part of the whole competition. It counts for 25 percent of their total score and it's their first time to meet the judges. The contestants are judged on so many levels: their appearance, their general knowledge, their speaking skills. Could they be the image and voice of Miss America?

We have to remember that Miss America is a scholarship organization. Miss America puts more money into women's scholarships than any other organization worldwide. This Saturday night, contestants will walk away with \$340,000 to put toward their education.

"It goes by so fast," Chaty said of the interview. "I was almost in tears when I left the room. That was my Miss

America interview. I can never compete for Miss America again. This is final, the last step in a goal I've had for so long -- truly an emotional moment. The judges were nice and worked well together. I just enjoyed the chance to get to know them. Walking out, I have four more days of my pageant career in the Miss America organization and that's it."

Tuesday night Melissa competed in Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit for 15 percent of her score. It was also her night for Evening Wear for another 20 percent of her score. She looked fabulous in both -- definitely very near the top in both events.

Wednesday night carried the weight of vying for the largest part of a contestant's score: Talent worth 35 percent. Melissa began on a dark stage, her back in silhouette

facing the audience. As the light came up, she turned and ran toward the audience, her hair flowing and her ruffled gown billowing. She stopped in front of the judges and her beautiful voice filled the theater with an operatic performance not matched all week.

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The award that evening went to Miss Massachusetts with a strong popular vocal.

Thursday night added another 5 percent to Melissa's score with On-Stage Question. It's another nail-biter for the contestants because it's the last chance for them to impress the judges with their thought process and presentation skills. Did I mention that this time they are doing it in front of nearly 7,000 people. Again Melissa was very near the top, perhaps number two that night.

With the preliminary competitions behind them, the contestants began their waiting game. Between rehearsals, interviews and filming promos for Planet Hollywood, their constant thought had to be who would make it into the top 16. Melissa has a great chance because all her Miss California supporters feel she was very near the top in all her competitions. Walking through the hotel and on the streets, so many people, even a few contestants from other states, are routing for Melissa. Who will make it to the top eight and get to perform their talent on national TV?

Melissa's father, Dennis Chaty, summed it up best. "The Miss America program has been an amazing experi-

ence. Melissa has done far beyond what was expected of her. She just was amazing in all the competitions. There is no loser in this organization. There are 52 incredibly talented, beautiful and brilliant young women and regardless of who is crowned Miss America, they are all going to be successful in life."

Saturday night. The big show. The evening began upbeat and positive. Melissa was again wonderful in Swimsuit and Evening Wear. The show entered some negative territory when they began dropping contestants from the top 16 in reality show fashion. Not very becoming for the Miss America image, especially with the parents for the top 16 in bleachers on stage. The rest of the show was spectacular and Melissa made it through to the top eight and was able to perform "The Jewel Song" from Gounod's Faust in front of her parents, a theater audience just over 7,000 and millions of viewers at home. She absolutely glowed. They audience gave her one of the largest ovations of the evening.

The crown, however, would go to Miss Michigan Kirsten Haglund.

Melissa, thank you for the memories.

Warning: It's a primary, vote only for your party

Associated Press
SACRAMENTO — County election chiefs across California are warning that thousands of ballots may not be counted in next month's presidential primary because absentee voters are voting for candidates outside their parties.

Election officials are reminding voters that Republicans have to vote for Republicans, and Democrats for Democrats.

In Sacramento, hundreds of ballots received by the Registrar of Voters have had write-in votes for candidates for other parties. Part of the confusion is because millions of California voters decline to state their party affiliation. Those voters can cast ballots for Democrats or American Independent Party candidates — but not for Republicans.

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Species of the Month: Western Bluebird

WESTERN BLUEBIRDS bring flashes of color to tree branches, fence posts, telephone wires, and grassy fields. They like open woodlands, edges of forests, hedgerows, native grasslands, and grazed fields.

- Bluebirds don't kiss under mistletoe (see last column), but it provides essential winter warmth and food. In winter, if you see a tree with a lot of mistletoe, there's a good chance you'll find the "owners" nearby – a family of bluebirds.
- Bluebirds spend the fall and winter in family groups of 7 or so. They bathe, forage, and sleep together. Whole families sometimes squeeze into one nest box or mistletoe clump.
- A family group consist of the parents, 1-2 sons from the summer's brood, and one or more daughters of another family. Frequently the sons and newcomer females end up getting hitched – their version of arranged marriage!
- The young adult birds in the family are "helpers" who often stay through the next spring and assist in raising the nestlings. The helping sons stick around partly to help themselves to the family fortune – mistletoe berries!
- Bluebird couples stay together so long they've been thought to be monogamous. Actually, both males and females get a little on the side. Someone other than the resident dad – often the guy next door – fathers one fifth of the babies.
- The guys who are good at preening have the brightest feathers.. That makes them extra-popular with the girls, probably because they turn out to be the best providers. And those iridescent blue feathers? They're really brown. The blue is a trick of light!
- In addition to mistletoe, bluebirds also dine on berries of Elderberry, Juniper, Poison Oak, Toyon, and others. In summer they stop eating berries and dart around catching insects – mainly grasshoppers – and also caterpillars, beetles, ants, bees, and wasps. Even though bluebirds are related to robins, eating earthworms makes them sick.
- Bluebirds usually nest in cavities in dead trees and snags, or in nest boxes provided by humans. Those boxes, available online, are an enormous help to them. If you put some up,
- Bluebirds usually nest in cavities in dead trees and snags, or in nest boxes provided by humans. Those boxes, which are available online, are an enormous help to them. If you put some up, proper maintenance is critical (see www.sialis.org/myths).
- Forest fires help bluebirds by providing dead trees in which woodpeckers and nuthatches can excavate cavities. (Bluebirds can't peck their own holes). Fires also keep fir trees from crowding out meadow habitat.
- Bluebirds like grass tall enough to harbor insects and provide cover but short enough that they can see the insects and also see predators. Non-native grasses often grow too high, so bluebirds benefit from grazing, mowing, weeding, and planting of native grasses.
- If you get up early, listen for Western Bluebirds in the dawn chorus during breeding season. They are often the second species, after Tree Swallows, to chime in.
- Western Bluebird populations have declined drastically, mainly due to theft of their nest cavities by House Sparrows and European Starlings. Pesticides, fire suppression, and loss of open space (due to expansion of residential and industrial areas), have also contributed. In northwestern California, however, they're doing pretty well. Let's keep it that way!

Exploring the Web of Life® is a monthly column written by Kate Marianchild of Ukiah, CA, with help from her friends. www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/insideudj for more info on Western Bluebirds. Click on "Exploring the Web of Life."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New health education series planned

The Ukiah Senior Center is starting a new series of programs which will encompass a wide variety of subjects. Local community professionals, practitioners and individuals will provide presentations in mini workshops or lectures which will be open to citizens of all ages.

The series started with acupuncturists Alan Sunbean. Scheduled for Feb. 9 is Carole Goldberg with "Create Your Life."

March 15 will bring a talk on long term care, presented by Valley View Staff. Morey McCloud, a POW survivor will share his experience. Future subjects will be "early stroke recognition," diabetes mobility jin shin jyutsu, a healing art form, and the Feldenkrais Method.

The series is designed to stimulate interest in community service provide helpful advice and instruction, educate and increase awareness in prevention and coping with physical ailments and to benefit the community at large.

Professionals with expertise in their field are invited to participate in the series. Also, for those interested in serving on the committee, call Betty McGlade 467-0960.

Ukiah Food Bank announces
new food bank hours

The Ukiah Community Center Food Bank announces that their new hours of operation began Jan. 22.

Mondays will be distribution days, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
Tuesdays will be Senior Days, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Wednesdays will be distribution days, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
on Thursdays, they will be closed, though emergency food will be available;
and Fridays will be distribution days, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Food Bank will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Emergency bags will be available during UCC business hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the food bank at 463-2409 or 462-8879, and ask for Dayle.

Ukiah Literacy Alliance
tutor training planned

The Ukiah Literacy Alliance is planning to hold a tutor training class on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 9, and those interested are asked to call 463-4155 and leave a message to get more information. Bilingual Spanish-speaking tutors are especially needed. Volunteers must be 18 or older.

Mendocino County Veterans Service
Office seeking volunteer drivers

The Veterans' Service Office in Ukiah is looking for volunteer drivers to drive veterans from Ukiah to the Veterans Medical Center in San Francisco. A regular California drivers' license is required. This is an opportunity to get to know veterans in the community and to give something back to those who have served.

Their office is looking for someone who is willing to drive one day a week. For more information, call their office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. any weekday.

United Way of Sonoma-Mendocino-
Lake counties seeks funding proposals

As part of the United Way Community Impact Agenda, United Way of Sonoma-Mendocino-Lake is requesting funding proposals from all agencies in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake Counties providing services in four Focused Funding areas:

- After-school and summer programs focused on youth in grades four through eight;
- Parenting and social-skills training for parents;
- Emergency food and shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing programs; and
- Senior food and mental-health programs.

Contact Chanda Zirkelbach, Vice President of Community Impact at 528-4485 ext. 110 or via e-mail at chanda.zirkelbach@uwsml.org for more information and to learn how to access their online-application web site.

There will be an applicant orientation Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Transit Department Training Room 103, located at 45 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa.

Temporary Assistance Program
seeking winter-weight clothing

The Temporary Assistance Program at the Ukiah Community Center, which provides personal care items like shampoo, blankets, tents and clothes to those in need, is no longer accepting regular clothing donations.

The response this year has been incredible, with clothing donations coming in regularly. But even with this year's excellent response, the Temporary Assistance Program is still looking for winter coats, blankets, sleeping bags and tents.

Those interested in providing donations to the Temporary Assistance Program can do so by contacting Veronica Moynahan at 462-8879, or by visiting the Ukiah Community Center at 888 N. State St. during regular business hours. The UCC is open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The UCC is open from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursdays.



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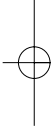
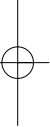
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BAD NEWS

By James Barrick

ACROSS

1. Sweetie
6. Baroque composer
10. Something more
15. Receptions
19. Rhone tributary
20. Toward the sheltered side
21. Prepared apples
22. — podrida
23. Savory spreads
24. Start of a quip by Ambrose Bierce: 3 wds.
27. Bare
29. Tokyo, formerly
30. Macadamized
31. A letter grade
32. Place in Arthurian legend
34. Pack animal

36. Chooses
38. Arab garment
39. Corn spikes
41. Lung: prefix
43. Rigging support
44. Sound of contentment
46. Enthralled
48. Prized instrument
50. Trampled
52. Palindromic name
53. Inkling
55. Blundered
57. Maple genus
59. Part 2 of quip: 3 wds.
64. — mom
67. Turner the singer
68. Juno's Greek counterpart
69. Weight

70. Harem room
71. Life story, for short
73. Like a circus animal
76. Squealer
77. Between zeta and theta
78. Artist's paint
79. Serf
81. Western Indian
83. Kind of engine
85. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.
90. Bruise
91. "Little Mermaid" heroine
92. — lily
93. Stage of a kind
97. Rama's wife
99. Alone, on stage
101. Some wines
103. French cleric
104. Fannie, Ginnie

- and Sallie
106. Now
108. A state: abbr.
110. — passim
111. Earns
113. French painter
115. Certain poet
117. Stop a fast
118. Horse opera
120. Outer: prefix
121. Severe
122. End of the quip: 3 wds.
126. LaBelle or LuPone
129. Odyssey
130. Vise
131. Test-question answer
132. "— Frome"
133. Kind of leave
134. Loathes
135. Witnesses
136. Orchestra section

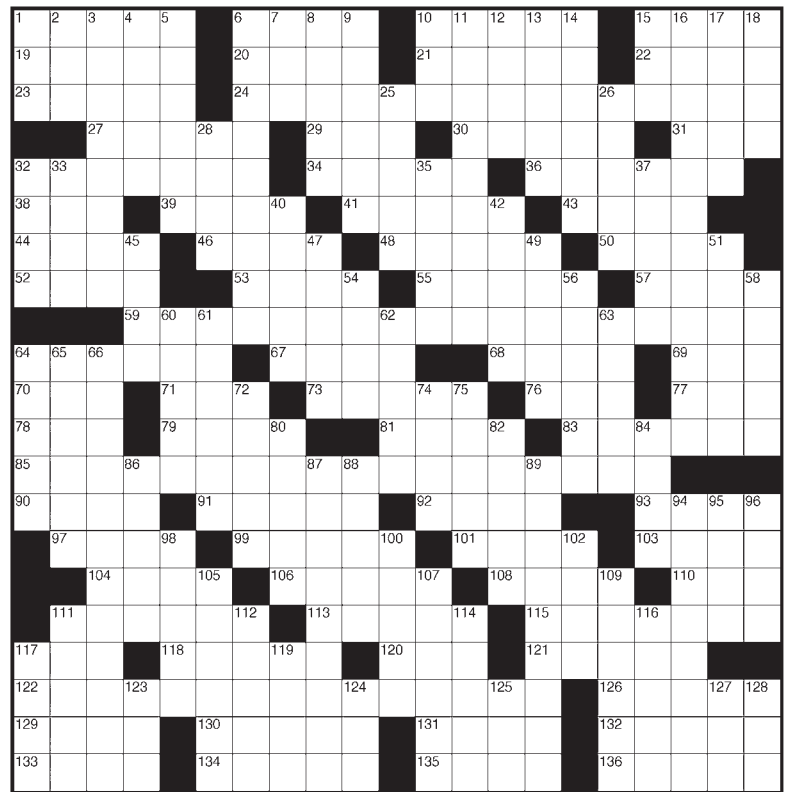
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1. Bit of soup
2. Mil. org.
3. '60s spy sitcom: 2 wds.
4. Ridge
5. Thrift shop event
6. Reverse a policy
7. — — carte
8. Paparazzi subj.
9. Take charge: 2 wds.
10. Chem. or biol.
11. Miscellany
12. Elaborate song
13. Pass a rope through
14. Ford and namesakes
15. Hill
16. Injures with high voltage
17. Bitter —

18. Strongbox
25. Poetic times
26. Skillful
28. Thunderous sound
32. Mafia leader
33. Touch on
35. Desert shrub
37. Weight unit for gems
40. Schism
42. Low-lying wetland
45. Mil. gp. on campus
47. Outdated garment
49. Delay
51. Indicate
54. Best or Ferber
56. Swordfish constellation
58. Of the kidneys
60. German composer

61. State in east India
62. Gurus
63. Proportion
64. Old word for truth
65. Detestable
66. Of heat measurement
72. Nonpareils
74. Times
75. Hash house
80. Poet T.S. —
82. Inches
84. Old Norse poems
86. — Pradesh
87. Arena for bicycle races
88. Avoid
89. Deities
94. Liqueur of days past
95. Wader

96. Denomination
98. The five vowels
100. "Funniest Videos" host
102. Season
105. Stop, as bleeding
107. Cruisers
109. Something to cherish
111. New Zealand native
112. Commemorative slab
114. Cubic meter
116. Scrape
117. Newts
119. Coup d' —
123. Relative of a hwy.
124. Harvest goddess
125. Regret
127. Little bit
128. — and outs



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ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 28, 2008

A number of situations will develop in the year ahead that will enable you to earn and acquire several things you have always wanted. You will have the wherewithal, as well as the outside help, to achieve these special desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Success in all that you do -- not only for yourself but for those with whom you're involved -- is indicated, mostly because you will be immensely motivated to do the greatest good for the largest number.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Timing is always of extreme importance, and it can be your strongest ally if you realize that and take advantage of what is at hand. Be on your toes and ready to act.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It behooves you to start looking ahead a bit in order to successfully blend your present plans with your future ones. Issues will work out far more easily for you if they're compatible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- How we conduct ourselves in front of others always has a strong bearing on our careers, especially in advancing our positions. Make certain that your grades are very high in this area and you'll go far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You enjoy a broad appeal to others, because whenever you make a decision that affects them, you'll not only take into consideration the logical assessments involved but their feelings as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- This will be an extremely productive day if you devote your time and energies not only to what needs to be done but also to those assign-

ments you truly enjoy doing.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- The artistry you employ when working on something creative is quite impressive, and you will apply this same skill when dealing with difficult people. You are able to mold them into being cooperative with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your ability to handle subordinates in ways that makes them feel equal to others will win you their support and cooperation. As a result, they're likely to put forth more effort and do extra jobs they normally wouldn't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Your ego will be in for a big boost when you hear about all the nice things being said about you, even from a few individuals you didn't think held any opinion whatsoever of you. Your reputation carries far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- These could be exceptionally good times if you handle your financial affairs and involvements properly. Your chances for enlarging that which you already have are far better than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Present events will put a stronger-than-usual emphasis on your leadership qualities. The influences are positive, however, and can be used to advance large projects that fall under your control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Those material things you acquire right now are apt to be articles you'll treasure for a long time. You have an eye for what is classic and elegant, which will be reflected on all that you procure.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

Datebook: Sunday, January 27, 2008

Today is the 27th day of 2008 and the 37th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1924, the body of Vladimir Lenin was placed in a tomb in Moscow's Red Square.

In 1944, the German siege of Leningrad ended after two and a half years.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White II and Roger B. Chafee died in a launch pad fire.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), composer; Mordechai Richler (1931-2001), novelist; Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948-), dancer, is 60;

Bridget Fonda (1964-), actress, is 44; Alan Cumming (1965-), actor, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1991, the Buffalo Bills lost the first of four consecutive Super Bowls when their kicker, Scott Norwood, missed a 47-yard field goal attempt in the final seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Fundamentally, all writing is about the same thing; it's about

dying, the brief flicker of life we have here, and the frustration it creates." -- Mordechai Richler

TODAY'S FACT: The composer Mozart was an accomplished player on the clavier, violin and organ by the age of 6, and at that age composed five short pieces that are still played today on the piano.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 22) and last quarter (Jan. 30).

The thermometer says minus 60, but it feels like minus 70

I like to look at the thermometer outside my kitchen window first thing in the morning. I could just listen to the radio or the TV, but I want to know what the temperature is outside my door, not their door. Why do they always tell us the temperature at the airport? Who lives at the airport? And why do they muddy everything up by saying "and with the wind it will feel like minus 2." No, it won't. Minus 2 feels like minus 2. And 10 above feels like 10 above. If the wind is blowing, that's fine, but don't try to tell me what it feels like.

"Oh," the weather experts say, "that's what it feels like on bare skin." Well who is going outside in a bikini when it's 10 degrees outside? If you're wearing a bathing suit in the middle of the winter, the low temperatures aren't your biggest problem.



Village Idiot

By Jim Mullen

Besides, everyone feels the temperature differently. Sue thinks minus 2 is T-shirt weather. I start wearing sweaters when it hits 63. We need a wind-chill index tacked onto the real temperature like Britney Spears needs another baby.

My growing preoccupation with the weather is a sign of age. Trust me, teenagers don't care. Eighty-five or minus 20, they're still going to the mall. Neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night will keep them from the cell-

phone kiosk. It's getting so you can almost tell how old someone is by how much they talk about the weather, by how many hours a day they watch the Weather Channel. If it's never, you're under 30. If you just tune in for hurricanes and thunderstorms, you're over 40. If it's twice a day, every day, you're over 50. If you watch it an hour a day, you're over 60. If it's more than two hours a day, you're over 75. If you Tivo it when you leave the house, you're over 90. And what are you doing with a Tivo at 90?

But I could no longer read the thermometers outside the kitchen window on dark winter mornings, so I bought a new one with bigger numerals and a large red needle that I can read from 10 feet away. But I'm going to get rid of it and go back to my old one.

The old thermometer went to

minus 40 degrees. The new one goes down to minus 60. Minus 60? How many thermometers do they sell in places that reach minus 60? If you live in a place where you need to know if it's minus 50-something and you're not some kind of scientist taking observations, move. Just pack up and go. You have made a terrible mistake.

Every morning when I look at this thing and see minus 60 I tense up. Is there something the thermometer people know that I don't? Or maybe the thermometer is made by the same people who make car speedometers. The one in my car goes up to 140 mph. My car has as much chance of going a 140 as it has of breaking the sound barrier. And exactly where would I do 140? On the way to the supermarket? I'm not even sure why they put any numbers on

the speedometers. Instead of 5 mph, it should read "Bumper to bumper." Forty could be "Construction next 5 miles" Eighty could be "Moving Violation." As you drive you could watch the needle swing between "Rubbernecking" and "School Zone."

Of course, we all know why they put 140 mph on the speedometers -- so we think we're buying a more powerful car than we are. Who hasn't dreamed of putting the hammer down one day and pegging that needle?

But who dreams of waking up to minus 60 on the thermometer? *Jim Mullen is the author of "It Takes a Village Idiot: Complicating the Simple Life" and "Baby's First Tattoo." You can reach him at jim_mullen@myway.com.*

Avoid the million-dollar blunders

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Making the wrong financial choices can be costly -- as much as \$1 million, says Consumer Reports. CR recently calculated the price tag for 12 of the biggest personal money mistakes consumers can make.

1. Investing too conservatively during retirement (CR estimated cost: \$360,000 to \$750,000). Conventional wisdom suggests that as retirees age, they should shift money out of stocks and into more stable investments, such as bonds. But annual returns on bonds may barely keep pace with inflation, while stocks, over time, typically provide returns significantly above inflation. And inflation can be a retiree's worst enemy.

2. Retiring before it's necessary (CR estimated cost: \$237,000 to \$309,000). Early retirees give up income they would have earned during what might be the best-paid years of their career. Medicare doesn't cover them until age 65, so they might have to buy individual health insurance at an age when costs are apt to be at their highest. Retiring early also results in reduced

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Social Security benefits.

3. Launching a divorce war (CR estimated cost: \$49,000 to \$188,000). Divorce may be unavoidable, but the more issues spouses want to slug out, the more billable hours attorneys can charge.

4. Underinsuring a home (CR estimated cost: \$16,000 to \$194,000). Even with the recent retreat in home prices, a house in which someone has lived for 10 years is likely to be worth 54 percent to 104 percent more than it cost. But those people who haven't updated their homeowners insurance could lose those gains if disaster strikes.

5. Overpaying for a mortgage (CR estimated cost: \$27,000). The annual percentage rates on mortgages in a given area can vary by close to a percentage point. Over a 30-year term, that adds up to a bundle.

6. Carrying a credit-card balance (CR estimated cost: \$5,000 to \$23,000). Owing money on a credit card is a costly mistake. For someone who has a card with an interest rate of 15 percent and pays

only the minimum due each month, it will take 22 years and two months to retire a \$5,000 debit. The interest will have been \$5,729.

7. Maintaining an unhealthy lifestyle (CR estimated cost: \$4,600 to \$42,000). Unhealthy habits not only tend to catch up with people as they age, they can also hit bank balances in the form of higher life-insurance premiums.

8. Ignoring Roth accounts (CR estimated cost: \$9,000 to \$26,000). Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k) plans can protect individuals from likely future tax hikes, because taxes are paid on contributions today rather than when they're withdrawn. Earnings on the account are also tax-free.

9. Cashing out a 401(k) (CR estimated cost: \$6,000 to \$17,000). Almost 45 percent of workers cash out their 401(k) accounts when they change jobs, according to a recent survey. Not only do they have to pay income tax on their withdrawals but in many cases the IRS also imposes a 10 percent penalty.

More important, they lose the tax-deferral they could have maintained by rolling the money into an IRA or other retirement account.

10. Underfunding a 401(k) (CR estimated cost: \$36,000). This year, workers younger than 50 can put up to \$15,500 into a 401(k); those over 50 can make an additional "catch up" contribution of up to \$5,000. CR advises contributing as much as possible to a 401(k) and making sure not to miss out on catch-up provisions.

11. Paying needless fund fees (CR estimated cost: \$4,000). Investors who buy mutual funds from a broker, investment adviser or other salesperson could pay commissions, or "loads," of up to 5.75 percent. Buying no-load funds saves sales charges, putting investors that much ahead.

12. Falling for a scam (CR estimated cost: \$100 to you-name-it). People who are smart otherwise can be no match for professional con artists, who are virtuosos at playing on people's vulnerabilities. Scams range from fake magazine subscriptions to phony lottery winnings.



Frugal Living
By Sara Noel

What to do with worn-out jeans

DEAR SARA: My son has denim jeans that are torn in both knees and a pocket here and there. What do you do with the denim material once they are no longer wearable? Dust rags? I need ideas. I have five pairs that I need to do something with. I hate just throwing them in the trash. I spent a lot of money on these jeans. -- Melissa, Texas

DEAR MELISSA: There are a few crafts you can try. **POT HOLDERS:** Can be made by cutting a square from a pant leg. Two sides will have seams. Insert a section of a cotton towel, table felt or a product called Insul Bright combined with cotton batting. Stitch the two sides that remain open and you have a pot holder or hot pad.

PURSE: Can make a purse from the pockets. This doesn't require sewing. You simply cut the pocket out and use the leg seams for the purse handle.

PILLOW: Can cut off the legs and sew the openings and use the zipper to stuff the pillow.

Why not patch the knees and pockets? You can find fun patches at the craft store. Patches are due for a fashion comeback.

DEAR SARA: Do you have an easy way to clean oven racks? I have a new oven, and already the racks look as if they've been run through the mill. I can't stand the smell and fumes from oven cleaner, and a scrub pad doesn't do a good enough job for me. Thanks for your help! -- Laura, New Hampshire

DEAR LAURA: Place the racks in your bathtub in hot water and add powdered dishwasher soap. Let it soak overnight. You can also replace the dishwasher soap with ammonia.

DEAR SARA: I have my home for sale. It's getting a lot of people visiting, but no offers yet. It's in good shape, and nothing needs repair. While it's not brand-new, it's a great house. Can you think of anything that I can change cheaply that might help? -- Annie, via e-mail

DEAR ANNIE: Think like a buyer. First, make sure that your closets are well organized. Remove items if you have to. If a buyer sees stuffed closets, they immediately think there's not enough space. You should try removing personal items, too. For example, you're showing the features of your house and not the 10-point buck hanging on the wall. Remove any strong themes, collections or bold colors. Buyers might be instantly turned off by it. I'm still scarred for life from a picture I saw hanging above the bed of a house I visited. Let's just say it was titled "Lion and His Mate." Enough said.

If a bedroom is small, remove some furniture. If the focal point of your living room is a window or fireplace, then clear a visual and physical path to showcase it. Pull furniture away from walls and windows. Buyers tend to look at kitchens, bathrooms and storage, so have those areas look their best.

The buyer sees the outside and entryway first. You want that area to look exceptional, so invest in small details outside like potted flowers, a new doormat, door wreath and a mailbox. They help give a positive first impression. Your entryway should have good lighting and be free from clutter, too.

Finally, if you have pets, don't leave any sign that you do. No smell, fur or toys, etc. Although some people love pets, others don't.

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I wish we had come to see you 10 years ago!

Clearly, lots of folks who are approaching their golden years are finding that they will be unable to maintain their standard of living once they retire. These people may have started saving too late, not saved enough, made bad investment choices, run into unexpected adversity or -- more than likely -- experienced a combination of tribulations.

If you (or anyone you know) find yourself in such a situation, here are a few strategies that, if taken seriously, might help you attain the retirement lifestyle you're looking to achieve:

- Save like crazy: It may seem a little obvious, but the most basic way to get back on track is to start saving -- and do so much more significantly during the remainder of your working years than you have in the past. Many of you in your 50s and 60s are in your peak earning years. The kids are grown, which boosts the amount of discretionary dollars available each month. Rather than succumbing to the temptation to engage in an empty-nester spending spree, apply the necessary discipline for some very meaningful saving. (And don't assume that maxing out your 401(k) at \$20,500 is enough -- because it's not!)

- Make saving automatic: One of the great features of a 401(k) is that your monthly saving happens automatically -- no check to write or temptations to get in the way. This helps investment values accumulate in an amazing way. Use this same automatic-savings magic to create a systematic monthly savings plan that transfers a specified amount of money from your checking to your investment account each and every month. You can establish this program for free -- just talk to your financial adviser about how to set that up.

- Plan to work longer: Nobody wants to hear this, but it's a fact that the number of



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

years you work can make a big difference in your ability to properly fund retirement. Consider the fact that for each extra year you work, that's a year in which you don't have to withdraw from your portfolio to provide for your living expenses. And it's an extra year of saving into and growing your retirement fund -- a double benefit for sure.

- Work part-time in retirement: In many career fields, employers will allow employees who have valuable years of experience, company knowledge and contacts to convert to a part-time schedule and, often, work from a remote (retirement) location. This not only provides important income to pay a substantial portion of your living expenses (letting your retirement accounts grow for a longer time), but it can also provide you with enough leisure time that you won't mind the few days that you do actually work.

- Move somewhere with a lower cost of living: When choosing a retirement destination, remember that your typical retirement income sources (Social Security, pensions, investments, etc.) don't care where you live -- but your expenses sure do! If your income is the same no matter where you choose to live in retirement, then stretch those retirement dollars by opting for a less expensive alternative. (Note that certain states are tax-friendlier than others.)

- Downsize your real estate: What we're really talking about here is making a less expensive (note that I didn't say less

desirable!) choice of residence when you retire, so you can pull equity out of your existing home to supplement your investment assets and provide yourself with greater investment income in your retirement years. A different location or "right-sizing" to accommodate a smaller family size can make a huge difference in the cost of your next home. Remember that, under current tax law, as long as you've lived in your home for two of the last five years, the IRS exempts the first \$250,000 of gain (per person) when you sell your home. Therefore, for a married couple, up to \$500,000 of equity can "transfer" from your current home into your investment portfolio tax-free!

- Keep a big, long mortgage in retirement: It's no secret that I am a big fan of big, long-term, fixed-rate mortgages -- even for retirees. Advantages include enhanced portfolio wealth creation, tax leverage and greater liquidity. These all make a strong case for having a mortgage to help you optimize your retirement experience.

- Make sure your investments are properly managed: You don't know what you don't know and many people don't know how to properly manage an investment portfolio on their own. There is great risk in being either too aggressive or too conservative with your investments or in not being properly diversified or allocated. The wrong moves can be very costly. Do yourself a favor and make sure that a qualified professional is overseeing the engine that will be financially powering your retirement.

- The people who find themselves in need of this kind of advice late in the retirement game didn't plan to fail, they just failed to plan. So if you don't have a talented financial adviser already, seek one out to help you create a road map for a brighter tomorrow.

Doctor-to-be should rent, not buy

DEAR BRUCE: I am an active-duty service member with four years left until retirement. I've recently remarried, and my wife and I both work full time and we are full-time college students. After my retirement, we plan to relocate to another state where I will attend medical school (virtually for free) using military benefits. Currently, our combined net monthly income is roughly \$7,900. We invest \$249 of that into a thrift savings plan and \$200 into stocks. We pay \$1,500 in rent, and I pay \$880 for child support. All the utilities and living expenses total \$3,800, leaving \$1,200 for savings. My divorce left me with \$20,000 worth of debt and blemishes on my credit report. Given our financial situation, with my military retirement so close and my intentions of going to medical school, should we continue to rent or consider purchasing? -- M.O., via e-mail

DEAR M.O.: Congratulations on your successful military career. Given your plans, buying a home at this time would be insanity. You don't need the additional expenses and, during your school careers, the responsibility of homeownership. My suggestion would be to spend the next four years saving every dime and digging out of the



SMART MONEY
By BRUCE WILLIAMS

\$20,000 worth of debt. In the process, some of the blemishes on your credit history will be ameliorated or disappear altogether. Even though it will be paid for, medical school is a lengthy, arduous assignment. In my opinion, the last thing you need is any unnecessary distraction, which is what homeownership would be. If it's possible to find a place for the next four years at a substantially lower rent, even though it might result in a lower standard of living, that would be a worthwhile thing to do.

DEAR BRUCE: I have a brokerage IRA account worth slightly more than \$100,000. I have listed my two adult children and a friend's minor children (ages 2 and 6) as equal beneficiaries. My goal is to pay for the younger children's college (should they choose not to go, it would go toward their first home), but I do not like all the restrictions and fees on an educational account. Do I need to list a

custodian before their names or simply list their name, birth date and Social Security numbers on the required form? If I am living, I will withdraw, pay the taxes and pay their costs; if I am not, I want their mother or father to manage it until the kids are of legal age. Do you see any problems with this approach? -- L.T., via e-mail

DEAR L.T.: I think you are making a whole bunch of mistakes here. I have no problem with your desire to help your friend's children, but I would not name them as beneficiaries, since someone has to be appointed as their financial guardian, probably their parents, under the eye of the court. I see no problem helping them pay for school if they elect to go. I think it's a terrible mistake to try to help them with their first home, though. You take away a great deal of incentive. I might be inclined to use the term "rob them" of incentive.

I would set up an educational account, which you can revoke anytime and, upon your death, the parents would have the same rights. If you don't trust them, you could appoint someone outside their family. You should seriously rethink this plan.

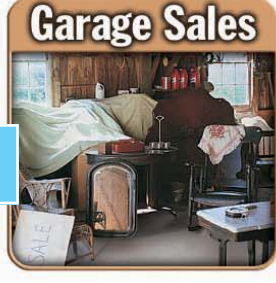
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Planning Commission at its regular meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following project(s) at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item(s) may be heard.

CASE #: ReS 1-2007

DATE FILED: 10/11/2007

OWNER: COUER D'ALENE PARTNERS, LLC

APPLICANT: COUER D'ALENE PARTNERS, LLC

AGENT: RAU & ASSOCIATES- GEORGE RAU

REQUEST: Re-Subdivision of a portion of the Vichy Springs Community Homes Subdivision (Unit 2), relocating an existing road access to serve AP# 189-040-01, adjusting 1,905 square feet out of AP# 178-260-13 and 1,336 square feet into AP# 178-260-21, with the remaining 569 square feet to be adjusted into the County right-of-way.

LOCATION: Approximately 2.5+/- miles east of Ukiah, lying on the east side of Tehuacan Road (CR# 214E), 0.35+/- miles from its intersection with Vichy Springs Road, located at 471 Tehuacan Road: AP# 178-260-13 and 178-260-21.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: JOHN SPEKA
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request has been processed through the County Environmental Review Process and it has been determined that the project is Categorically Exempt from environmental review. The staff report and notice are available for public review at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California and on the Department of Planning and Building Services website at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning.

Your comments regarding the above project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Building Services, at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California, 95482, no later than February 6, 2008. Oral comments may be presented to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

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Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Building Services at 463-4281, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Planning Commission's decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Department of Planning and Building Services.
RAYMOND HALL, Secretary to the Planning Commission

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CASE#: UM 19-2002/2007

DATE FILED: 10/19/2007

OWNER: JAMES & GLORIA MCCUTCHAN

APPLICANT: METRO PCS

AGENT: PEACOCK ASSOCIATES, JOHN OWEN

REQUEST: Use Permit Modification to allow for the addition of 3 panel antennas and a microwave dish to an existing 90-foot tall monopole and replacement of associated ground based equipment cabinets within a 156 square foot leased area.

LOCATION: 8+/- miles southeast of Hopland and 1+/- mile north of the Sonoma County Line, lying on the south side of McCutchan Ranch Road (private), 1+/- mile east of its intersection with State Highway 101, located at 24601 Geysers Road: AP# 050-410-06.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: DUSTY DULEY

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request has been processed through the County Environmental Review Process and it has been determined that the project is Categorically Exempt from environmental review. The staff report and notice are available for public review at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California and on the Department of Planning and Building Services website at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard.

Project title: Tomki Road Prototype Vented Low Water Crossing/Sediment Reduction & Habitat Improvement Project

Project location: Tomki Road, CR 237D at Mile Post 6.17, approximately 10 road miles north of the West Road Redwood Valley Exit to the community of Redwood Valley. NE 1/4 Section 30, Township 18N, Range 12W, Foster Mountain 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map.

Description of project: Tomki Road has nine unimproved stream crossing fords between Redwood Valley and Willits which are impassable during parts of some winters. According to nearby landowners, nearly every year vehicles are stranded in the creek when drivers attempt to cross the creek and become stuck mid-stream. Biologists from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and California Department of Fish and Game have expressed concern over the fisheries impact of this road and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff have expressed concern over the turbidity and sedimentation issue. In order to address impacts to Cave Creek as a result of Tomki Road, the Department has decided to prepare a feasibility study to evaluate options and construct a prototype vented low water crossing at the most southerly crossing that may be used at the other crossing locations if proved successful.

Environmental Determination: The Mendocino County Department of Transportation has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above project (there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures required for the project will reduce potentially significant effects to a less than significant level). A copy of the Initial Study with mitigation measures in support of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Prototype Vented Low Water Crossing is available for public review at the Mendocino County Library in Ukiah (105 North Main Street), Mendocino County Library in Willits (390 East Commercial Street), the County Department of Transportation in Ukiah (340 Lake Mendocino Drive) and available on the internet at <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/dot> under the environmental documents tab.

Your comments regarding the above project and/or the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Mendocino County Department of Transportation, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California 95482. All written comments must be received prior to 4:30 P.M. on February 18th ,2008. Oral comments

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may be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the public hearing.

If you challenge the above matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you or someone else raised in the written correspondence delivered to the Department of Transportation, at or prior to the date indicated above. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling the Mendocino County Department of Transportation, at 463-4363, or the Project Coordinator at 467-2542, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Board of Supervisors decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Mendocino County Department of Transportation, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California 95482.

KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board

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ANUNCIO PÚBLICO - AVISO DE DISPONIBILIDAD DE UN REDACTE DE REPORTE DE IMPACTO AMBIENTAL PARA - EL AEROPUERTO MUNICIPAL DE UKIAH PROYECTO DE REUBICACIÓN DE LA BASE AEREA DE UKIAH.

El Departamento Forestal y de Protección de Incendio de California (CAL FIRE – por sus siglas en ingles), con la ayuda del Departamento de Servicios Generales – División de Servicios de Bienes Raíces (DGS – RESD), anuncian la disponibilidad de un Redacte Reporte de Impacto Ambiental (DEIR), según el Acta de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA – por sus siglas en ingles), para la reubicación de la Base Aérea (para el ataque de incendios) de Ukiah (UAAB), en el Condado de Mendocino, CA. El CAL FIRE, la agencia principal bajo CEQA, estará realizando una Reunión Pública para presentar información del proyecto a la comunidad. Después de la presentación, miembros del equipo del proyecto estarán disponibles para contestar preguntas y escuchar sus comentarios sobre el proyecto propuesto. El Departamento de Servicios Generales está diseñando el proyecto y preparando los estudios ambientales para el CAL FIRE. **¿Qué?: Reunión/Taller Pública ¿Cuándo?: Jueves, 7 de febrero, 2008, de 3:00 a 5:00 de la tarde. ¿Dónde?: Aeropuerto Municipal de Ukiah, 1403 S. State Street. Ubicación del Proyecto:** El proyecto propuesto está localizado en el Condado de Mendocino, dentro de la Ciudad de Ukiah. El área del proyecto consiste de aproximadamente 9-acres, en la parte surest del Aeropuerto Municipal de Ukiah. **Descripción del Proyecto:** El Departamento Forestal y de Protección de Incendio de California (CAL FIRE) propone arrendar aproximadamente 9-acres en la parte sureste del Aeropuerto Municipal de Ukiah para la reubicación de su UAAB de donde aviones puedan despegar/aterrizar cuando combaten incendios por aire. La Ciudad de Ukiah ya ha declarado el sitio para este uso. El sitio está directamente junto a la pista de aterrizaje y ha sido previamente nivelada. Las instalaciones actuales están localizadas dentro de la porción central/oeste del Aeropuerto Mu-

nicipal de Ukiah. El proyecto propuesto está diseñado para reemplazar la UAAB actual, con mejoramientos a sus instalaciones para proporcionar operaciones más eficientes y más seguras. Las instalaciones propuestas dentro de la nueva área incluyen un edificio central de operaciones aéreas de 4,200-pies cuadrados con una área de despacho elevada; un almacén/taller de 3,200-pies-cuadrados; un hangar de avión de 2,900-pies cuadrados; un almacén para guardar, mezclar, y cargar el material que se usa para combatir incendios; un almacén de 150-pies cuadrados para guardar materiales de limpieza y materiales para mantener vehículos; una área de observación; nuevas líneas de agua, alcantarilla, electricidad y teléfono; un estanque para acumular el agua que sale del pavimento; y nuevas aceras. Se hará una entrada nueva a la Base por un nuevo camino que cruzará la Calle Airport Road al este del área del proyecto y al oeste de las vías de tren de la compañía de ferrocarril California Northern. Las mejoramientos adicionales de la infraestructura dentro del área de proyecto, sin embargo fuera del área de arrendamiento, incluye la conexión con el fin meridional de la Calle Airport Road; alcantarilla, electricidad, agua, y otras conexiones de utilidades; y las mejoramientos de la pista para los aviones que están alistando a despegar hasta la frontera del arrendamiento. La alcantarilla, electricidad, el agua, y otras conexiones de utilidades están disponibles en el fin meridional de la Calle Airport Road. El trabajo necesario para las nuevas instalaciones incluye la nivelación del sitio; pavimento; instalación de líneas eléctricas más grandes con conexiones para los servicios públicos; jardinería; y alambrado. **El Período de la Revisión Pública:** Este Aviso de Disponibilidad se está circulando para la revisión y comentarios del público por un período de 45 días, empezando el 28 de enero del 2008. Copias del Redacte Reporte de Impacto Ambiental están disponibles para su revisión en los siguientes lugares: 1) Biblioteca del Condado de Mendocino - Ukiah , 105 N. Main St., Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4491; 2) Departamento Forestal y de Protección de Incendio de California, 1475 So. State St., Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-6102; 3) Departamento de Servicios Generales de California - 707 Third Street, Suite 3-305, West Sacramento, CA 95605, (916) 376-1609; 4) Aeropuerto Municipal de Ukiah – 1411 So. State St., Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 467-2855. Para preguntas o información adicional sobre la Reunión Pública, por favor llamar al: Julie Symons, Planeadora Ambiental, ENPLAN - 3179 Bechelli Lane, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002 - (530) 221-0440, ext. 116

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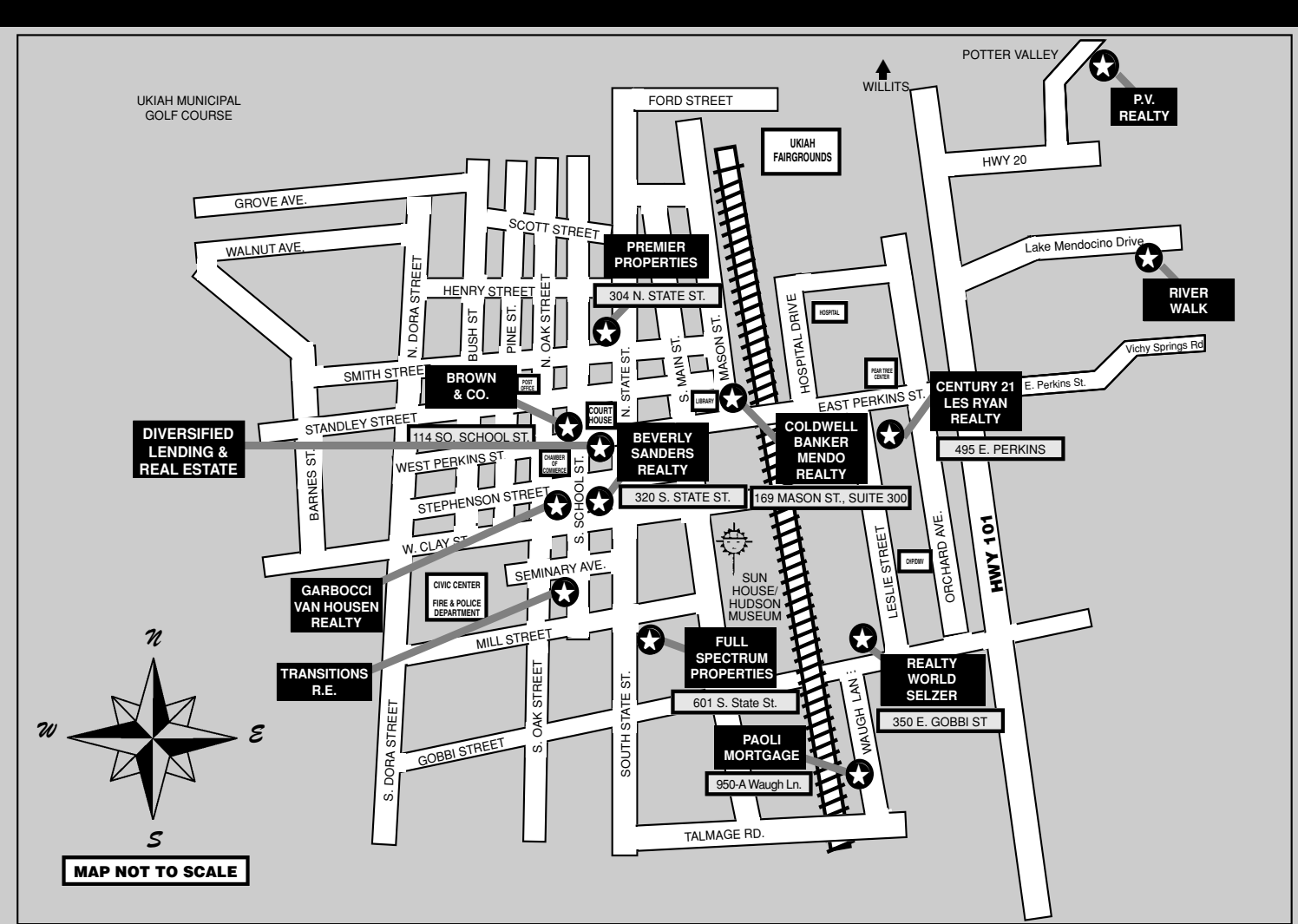
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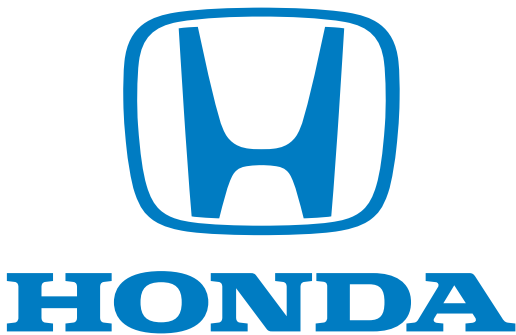
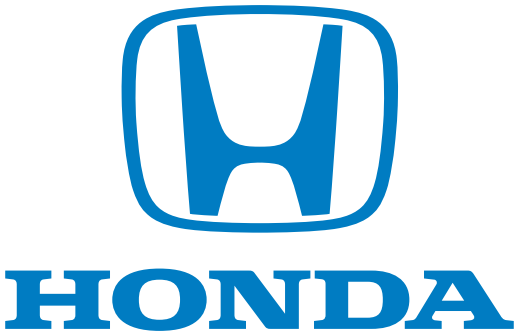
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